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Italian Salvatore Schillaci could end up as the World Cup's No 1 Player. Here he concentrates on the ball as the Republic of Ireland's Niall Quinn homes in.

CLOSE GO IN NSW STATE LEAGUE



SNAPPED on Sunday at Hurstville Oval, Rockdale Ilinden's Stuart Porter battles it out with a Warringah opponent in a game won 1-0 by the visitors.

Canberra Croatia, by dint of a 5-3 win over Avala, head the table by a point from St George and Rockdale.

Sutherland, Avala and Wollongong Macedonia are all pressing, but Newcastle BHP Austral could make a spurt.

Next Sunday's fixtures are listed on Page 5.

— KEITH GILMOUR



ITALY and West Germany are on course for the 'ideal' World Cup final in Rome after winning their quarter-final matches at the weekend.

But first the Italians have to master resilient world champions Argentina, who just won't lie down and die, and the Germans have to deal with an England team lucky to survive their quarter-final with Cameroun.

Though both the Italians and West Germans start as warm semi-final favourites, don't discount their opponents.

Argentina, despite the critics who have rubbished them, are all heart and to beat them in

Naples, Italy will again need the clinical finishing skills of the tournament's number one revelation, Salvatore Schillaci, who is on the verge of becoming the top player of Italia '90.

West Germany will be relying on Schillaci's direct rival for the best player award, Jurgen Klinsmann, to dispose of England in Turin.

In the first semi-final, all the pressure will be on Italy.

Some 60 million Italians are demanding nothing less than an unprecedented fourth world title.

Italian goalkeeper Walter Zenga will break West German Sepp Maier's record of 475 minutes without a goal in the World Cup finals if he keeps his streak

intact for the first 25 minutes in Naples, Maradona's stomping ground.

Diego Maradona's fitness has improved with every match. He may be due for the big one, and what better venue than Naples to showcase his skills?

Logic, and World Cup form, however, suggests a sixth straight Italian win as the home team strives to become the first country to win the World Cup without conceding a goal.

Although England's form on Monday morning against Cameroun does not suggest they will pose a threat to Franz Beckenbauer's "panzers", the West Germans are never comfortable playing them.

The West Germans had problems of their own against the Czechoslovaks, but on form displayed so far in the tournament the Germans should qualify to meet Italy in the final early Monday morning, EST.

Cameroun's brilliant form in this World Cup more than justifies FIFA's decision to give Africa a third berth in the finals, starting in the USA in 1994.

Unfortunately, for our region of the world, Asia and Oceania have not kept pace with the rise of standards in Africa.

But that is another story.

For now the thoughts of all Australian soccer lovers are turned to the big week of Italia '90 coming up.

A perspective on Bradley Report

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE Bradley Report, the most important document to come before the Australian soccer community, received an enthusiastic response from ACT League clubs when its author, Graham Bradley, and the Australian Soccer Federation chairman, John Constantino, presented it at a meeting in the City Club recently.

But it is one thing to accept the document in the warm atmosphere of such a gathering, with everyone trying to be nice to each other — quite another to face the harsh realities which the report brings.

How does the report affect the area's leading club, Canberra Croatia?

Croatia is the only ACT team currently with a realistic chance of entering the QNTL National Soccer League. Indeed, its present position at the head of the NSW League table suggests it might beat the 1991-92 deadline for the implementation of the report's findings and win promotion to the national competition this spring.

If this happens it will be doing so under the



ALAN REIS

promotion-relegation arrangements which have been in force since 1987, and will not then have to satisfy the criteria laid down in the report.

But it will eventually have to come to terms with Bradley's recommendations when, as seems almost certain, they are introduced.

The report suggests the current system be replaced by a set of "membership rules" with them "excluded" rather than "relegated".

Promotion and exclusion would be based on a range of criteria wider

than simple playing strength, and Bradley sets out a table indicating how a team's fitness for membership can be established.

Croatia has made the lighting of its ground a major priority but the report lists lights as worth only 5 per cent towards membership eligibility. "Other facilities", presumably including items such as a covering stand, quality changing rooms and treatment facilities are worth 10 per cent. The club has some work to do here.

A development programme comprises 25 per cent. Included in this is a full-time administration officer (10 per cent), development officer (5), a promotions programme (5) and a junior programme (5).

Croatia secretary Bert Kret fulfils the role of administration officer. Although fulltime, his work also involves management of the Croatia Deakin licenced club. Kret sees this changing with QNSL membership.

Croatia is taking some steps along the road in the development areas. It will be conducting coaching courses in the July school holidays, and Kret points out that a number of its players and coaches have been involved in develop-

ment on an informal basis (example striker Alan Reis who is the ACT under 16 coach).

The club already has a thriving juniors section, inherited from Croatia Deakin days. Whether the league considers this to be sufficient to pick up the full five per cent, or whether it would require further moves along the lines of the St George apprenticeship scheme, is not clear.

Financial capability attracts a rather crucial 20 per cent of eligibility criteria.

The crunch will come in subsequent seasons. As the City club and Downer Olympic will testify, it is impossible to run a national organisation on the resources of one section of an already limited soccer community.

It is absolutely crucial that in the longer term Croatia works towards divesting itself of its ethnic image.

As Bradley suggests, it need not, should not, happen at a pace which will alienate the traditional base of support but no-one should be left in doubt of the direction in which the club is moving.

The ACT soccer family is too small to tolerate squabbles and factionalism. For the foreseeable future Croatia is the standard-bearer.

It makes no sense to try and hinder its progress toward re-establishing soccer at the highest level in the national capital.

Related to this is the ability to attract crowds, which Bradley suggests should be worth 15 per cent. Croatia's current drawing power, while stronger than any other single club in Canberra, is still insufficient to impress QNSL officials who believe an average of 2000 a game is the absolute minimum needed for survival.

While the club could reasonably expect an upsurge of interest following promotion, it would still be borderline under current attitudes and arrangements.

It is essential the ACT Soccer Federation do now what rugby league did from the outset, and set aside Sunday afternoons exclusively for its premier club when it is at home.

For Croatia's part, it could respond by offering discounts to registered ACT players wishing to attend games.

Between 1977 and 1986 the ACT became accustomed to having a National League team. It seemed unthinkable that the national capital would be without one.

Then, four years ago, the unthinkable happened.

ALISTAIR EDWARDS (Sydney Olympic)

(Currently playing in Singapore in the Malaysian League)



NAME: Alistair Edwards
CLUB: Sydney Olympic
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Whyalla, 21/6/68.
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 6'1", 79kg
MARRIED: Single.
HOME: Belrose.
NICKNAME: 'Ally'
CAR: Fiat 850
OCCUPATION: Fulltime player.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Kwinana United (W.A.), A.I.S., Glasgow Rangers.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Glasgow Rangers.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Ally McCoist.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Abbas Saad, Andrew Bernal, Tony Dakos.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Olympic Park because I've scored there every time I've played in Melbourne.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: This year's Grand Final win with Sydney Olympic against Marconi.
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the 1990 Grand Final.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing last year's Grand Final plus the two NSL Cup Finals.
WORST INJURY: Pelvic injury.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Striker.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Aussie Rules, Tennis, Basketball.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Asian food.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Pop music.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: All sports shows.
BEST FRIEND: Craig Moody in Perth, plus many others.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Les Scheinflug, Ronnie Smith at A.I.S., Eddie Thomson and Mickey Hickman.
AMBITIONS: To play for Australia and coach at the A.I.S.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Steve Refenes.
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Madonna.
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD CUP AND WHY: England because they have some quality players plus their ace-striker in Gary Lineker.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

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Equity needed at Institute

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE time is fast coming when NSW youth players must receive a better go at the Australian Institute of Sport.

As it stands now, the "premier state" has only three boys at the Institute.

This represents 14% of the squad, even though NSW fields 55% of the players in the Commonwealth.

Such disparity might have occurred when NSW lacked a coaching director and football standards were languishing.

But David Lee has been in the chair for some two years, and Alan Vest for four years before that, and the quality is right there.

Another State has 6% of the players and receives 30% of the positions.

The NSW taxpayer funds 28% of the soccer program's costs, and is not receiving value for dollars spent on soccer by the Australian Sports Commission in this respect.

It is no secret that NSW has almost countless thousands of regis-



tered players, and that Victoria is lacking.

Sydney has 70,000 junior players for seven NSL clubs (10,000 per club) and Melbourne 7,000 over four clubs (1,750 per club).

Apart from that, NSW juniors in total will be subsidising the Australian national teams by some \$100,000 per annum under the Australian Soccer Federation's levying scheme and Victoria by \$10,000, the latter having 7,000 city and 3,000 country players.

Presumably Queensland will be weighing in up to \$20,000, as another example.

On this basis the ice cream is sure to hit the fan!

Victoria would have to belatedly establish 20 more junior associations and thousands of clubs for it to be otherwise.

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Kelly back in Wollongong

MARTIN BARNES WRITES

MANY stars of Australian soccer in the 1960s and 1970s are to be out in force to honour Jim Kelly, former England B international, when a dinner is held in Wollongong on Saturday night, September 15.

Kelly was the driving force behind the soccer revolution at the South Coast United club.

The Kelly-led South Coast helped produce Australia's biggest club crowd, when it defeated Apia Leichhardt 4-0 in the 1963 NSW grand final at Sydney Sports Ground.

Over 30,000 had packed into the ground when the gates were closed, with over 5,000 followers locked outside.

Two famous names who will be present at the reunion are former internationals Adrian Alston and Peter Wilson and preparation is being made for the possible appearance of Tom Garrett, who played with Kelly at Blackpool during the Stanley Matthews era.

Kelly first toured Australia in 1958 with the Blackpool First Division team and played in their game at Wollongong which attracted a crowd in excess of 10,000.

Three years later Kelly returned to coach a then fledgling South Coast United team, which were on that same day on the receiving end of an 8-1

Illawarra district.

At least eight of the team from this match are expected to be present at the reunion.

They include Wilf Billington, Barry Salisbury, Adrian Ringlands and Jim Harris, who are members of the organising committee.

Others in the team were Max Tolson, Bernie Harris, Mike John-

ers both hot and cold dishes and table wines.

The Mayor of Wollongong Frank Arkell will be giving Jim and his wife Diana a civic reception on the afternoon before the reunion.

Tickets go on sale on Monday and any postal orders are to be sent to Sid Fairs at the Illawarra Mercury, Keira Street Wollongong

JIM KELLY



thrashing by Hakoah.

Over the next three years, due to many hours of effort, Kelly gradually shaped a team that at the end of his three year stint was widely regarded as the best in Australia.

The South Coast-Apia grand final is still replayed in pubs and clubs throughout the

son, John Brownlee, Graham Barnett and Dennis Patterson.

The reunion will take place at the Illawarra Master Builders Club and tickets are priced at \$25 per head, with a big contingent of wives and girlfriends expected.

A buffet dinner will be provided which cov-

2500.

A rush for tickets is expected. They are limited and so it would be advisable to purchase early to avoid disappointment.

Further information concerning the reunion can be obtained by contacting Trevis Birch 042 27 3061 or Jim Harris 042 29 7777

Newcastle — Wollongong renew old challenge

BY PHIL MARTIN

OVER the years there has been a keen sense of rivalry between Newcastle and Wollongong.



Robbie Ironside

When the two clubs play in the same competition they also play for an additional trophy known as the "Steel City Cup".

Based on the results of the competition game, but with a different value. The first grade gets six points for a win and the U/19s two points, for a draw three points and one point respectively.

The points are tallied at the end of the home and away fixtures, the winner being presented with the BHP Steel City Trophy.

It is currently held by Wollongong who were successful in 1986.

Wollongong secretary John Vlietstra reminded BHP Austral of this extra challenge and suggested that it resume this season.

BHP management always looking for a chance to get further media exposure couldn't reply quick enough.

After the first round the points score is 6-2

in favour of the north-erners.

In other news work on ground improvements have started at Austral Park.

Some 10,000 cubic metres of filling has been delivered to Birmingham Gardens and the bulldozers are now elevating the spectator area behind the southern end of the playing field.

This will be followed by work on the west bank.

Once the ground has settled the areas will be turfed.

Provision for parking has been made.

Development application for building improvements are down the track.

Milan Miletic, new signing with BHP Austral, played his first State League game against Wollongong City.

It will take a few outings to become familiar with his new team mates, but early indications suggest he will be an asset to the Newcastle side.

AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES have sponsored the Player of the Year. Points are awarded each week by three independent judges.

The player achieving seasons end will win a trip for two to Queensland, which includes accommodation.

Current leaders are: Howard Tredinnick, Bobby Naumov, David Jones and Craig Carter.

Guest players Robbie Ironside and Gary Phillips have also collected points, and could well be challenging the leaders towards the season's end.

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Youth Soccer Clinics In Germany

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

STUDI-Tours of Queensland has yet again organised special Youth Soccer Training Clinic to be held in Germany as well as England next January.

Since 1982 in conjunction with Lufthansa Airlines, these specialised clinics have been staged at the Hennef Sports College in West Germany.

The Clinics cater for Soccer students between the ages of 14 and 18.

Last January, the format was expanded to embrace a visit to London where the young players were special guests of Arsenal and Crystal Palace.

In January next the Studi-Tours' programme will include a week at Crystal Palace Training Centre as well as two weeks in West Germany.

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Lively Warringah cuts out Rockdale

PAUL GOODWIN REPORTS

ROCKDALE showed some class early on in their game with Warringah at Hurstville Oval, but could not get a breakthrough and fell behind when

the Warringah wingmen capitalised on an apparent weakness on the flank at the back.

Warringah won 1-0, but Rockdale are one point behind leaders Canberra along with St George.

New Argentinian signing Jose Iriarte created havoc with his speedy runs and was quickly round Peter



Warringah are all eyes for the ball in the 1-0 win over Rockdale at Hurstville. S. GOSCH, AVENEWS Pic.

helped his side go to the lead soon after the start.

He and Darren Wilson got past the off side trap only for Petrovski to put a shot into the side netting from an awkward angle when a square pass would have set up Wilson for a relatively simple goal.

It was Warringah which caught Rockdale out at the back eventually, but they were unable to add to their first half goal, despite playing well

enough to do so.

Warringah could spring another surprise in the weeks ahead when they lift the veil on their other Argentinian recruit, a midfielder of some potential.

They are confident of lowering Canberra Croatia's colours this weekend and have a squad equipped to do the job.

Rockdale gave a run to the second of their Yugoslav imports Mendo Ralevski and the central defender

may well find a niche for himself, as John Fleming seeks ways to put his side back on the winning track after dropping valuable points in the last fortnight.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Warren, Willie (Deveridge), Segreto, Naumovski, Buchanan (Ralevski), Wilson, Markovski, Petrovski, Lerond, Beddoni, Porter.

WARRINGAH-FRESHWATER: Mikuletic, Etherington, Sterrey, Knight, Dean, Masi, Lee, Morson, de Ceglie, Giannone (McBreen), Iriarte (Oscilowski).

REFEREE: Nick Xanthos.

Saints on winning way

ST GEORGE continued on its winning way when they defeated a disappointing Inter Monaro 2-0 at St George Stadium.

The win kept St George in equal second place on point adrift of Canberra Croatia, while for Monaro the loss meant they are the only team to yet earn a point and they remain in last place on the competition table.

Even though the scoreline was only 2-0, St George missed several golden opportunities to improve their goal difference.

The inexperience of some of their younger players was probably the key factor for this.

However they showed that the potential is there and will improve with every game that they play in the NSW State League competition.

The Saints opened the scoring when Adam Poric made his way through the defence and shot forced a good save from the goalkeeper, however the rebound went to Shaun Freestone who had an easy tap in.

The second goal for St George came via Oswald El-Ali who, after been put through, had a one on one situation.

El-Ali dummied brilliantly which sent the goalkeeper the wrong way and he finished off with a simple tap in.

St George should have put the goals on after this as they continually attacked, however poor finishing left the scoreline at 2-0.

REFEREE: K. Tooke.

— DAVID COOPER

Phillips, Ironside tops in downing Macedonia

GARY Phillips and **Robert Ironside** have had the benefit of several matches now to settle into the Austral side.

It was their improved showing, as much as anything, that paved the way for a convincing 4-0 Austral win over the hitherto unbeaten Sydney Macedonia.

Bobby Naumov had another fine game, exploiting weaknesses on the right flank where he succeeded in sending over a hail of crosses which eventually bore fruit.

Antoine Avellino maintained his solid recent form to deny the BHP side on numerous occasions and the game was an hour old before the home side broke the ice.

The Sydney team used its speed in the forwards to advantage, but raids by Gilbert and Kadric were curtailed by the alertness of Craig Carter and in one case a foul by Bowen when Fabian Kadric looked set to run half the length of the field for a solo effort.

Spirovski had Kadric to thank for a good ball late in the first half, but was too slow to capitalise, while Kotsias, free in space,

was brought down by Krstevski, when danger threatened.

In the second half the Newcastle side gained the upper hand and demonstrated a much greater resolve, which produced the goods.

One of Naumov's supply of crosses from the right was nodded down and over the line by Pol Krstevski, following a quick throw by Milan Miletic, a player who was later to hit the crossbar with a solid effort of his own.

Brett Porter missed another opportunity from a Naumov cross and in the 80th minute Porter's replacement, Mickey Devon, supplied the pass which

Ralph Maier was able to head in for number two.

Two minutes later Maier made a well timed run to arrive at the near post to meet at Naumov cross which he tucked inside for the third.

In the 84th Ironside headed in the last, predictably from the ball put over by Naumov, which gave the Austral team a comprehensive and well deserved victory.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen, Jones, Maier, Boogaard, Krstevski, Naumov, Ironside, Phillips, Miletic (Bailey), Porter (Devon).

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, L. Sterrey, Plovski, Revelev, Kakovski (Genovese), Fernandez, Kotsias, Gilbert, Spirovski, Kadric.

REFEREE: Jim Reeves.

Croatia's 1-0 win

ON a bitterly cold night the smallest known crowd for a State League 1st Division game saw Sydney Croatia secure a narrow 1-0 win after netting in the sixth minute against a courageous North Shore United at Edensor Park.

The first half belonged to Croatia who fielded a side almost at full strength and pinned North Shore down for most of the early stages, without adding to their tally.

It was thanks to the mercurial Vlado Kupresak that they won the game, for not only did he steer the loose ball through a sea of legs for the only goal, but his probings in the first half marked him out for special attention.

Kupresak was quick to spot the opportunity when a Manis Lamond cross from the left was not fully cleared and the Yugoslav import drove the ball low from 12 yards, inches inside Michael Blanco's right post, following good lead up work by Robert Stanton.

David Seal turned nicely inside the area,

before shooting accurately, only for Blanco to get down well and save nicely.

Kupresak got the ball to Seal again in the 37th and the shot was once more well covered by Blanco.

North Shore dominated the second half, but was unable to get on the scoresheet.

Pat Crookes headed over from a Wayne Pierce free kick, but Croatia was limited to a couple of Kupresak shots over the bar and a Lamond shot wide of the target.

As near blizzard conditions enveloped the Croatian Sports Centre, both sides struggled manfully to produce a stirring finish as the few spectators took cover under the players' tunnel, the only shelter on the ground.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, Jones, French, Popovic, Babic, Kupresak, Ricoy, Stanton (La Fevre 78), Seal, Petkovic, Lamond (Gomez 68).

NORTH SHORE UNITED: Blanco, McCall (Gillan 80), Nils, Crookes, Pierce, Ferguson, Bennett, Sutherland, Norman, Savides, Jeffery (Base 78).

REFEREE: Nick Anagnostis.

NSW Composite Tables

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	6	5	1	0	18	6	11
St George	7	4	2	1	18	10	10
Sutherland Shire	6	3	3	0	14	6	9
Avala	6	4	1	1	18	11	9
Wollongong Mac	6	3	3	0	16	10	9
Rockdale Ilinden	7	3	2	2	10	7	8
Sydney Macedonia	6	3	2	1	7	7	8
Sydney Croatia	5	3	1	1	15	7	7
BHP Austral	6	3	1	2	7	4	7
Canterbury	7	3	1	3	11	16	7
Polonia	6	2	2	2	5	5	6
Warringah	6	3	0	3	8	9	6
Blacktown City	6	2	0	4	11	11	4
Sydney Olympic	6	1	0	5	7	14	2
Wollongong City	6	1	0	5	6	14	2
North Shore Utd	5	1	0	4	3	15	2
Marconi	5	0	1	4	1	10	1
Inter Monaro	6	0	0	6	5	18	0

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	6	4	2	0	15	5	10
Blacktown City	6	5	0	1	10	6	10
Wollongong City	6	5	0	1	9	5	10
Avala	6	4	1	1	13	7	9
Wollongong Mac	7	4	1	2	11	13	9
Sydney Croatia	6	4	0	2	10	5	8
Warringah	6	4	0	2	12	10	8
North Shore Utd	6	3	1	2	11	7	7
Sydney Macedonia	6	3	1	2	9	5	7
Polonia	7	3	1	3	9	6	7
Sutherland Shire	7	2	2	3	13	8	6
Inter Monaro	7	1	4	2	7	7	6
St George	8	0	6	2	6	12	6
BHP Austral	5	1	3	1	10	9	5
Canterbury	8	1	1	6	5	18	3
Marconi	5	0	1	4	7	15	1
Rockdale Ilinden	5	0	0	5	4	13	0
Sydney Olympic	5	0	0	5	6	16	0

Willis to confront Keith Warren, with the goalie's legs saving the day on the first occasion in the 28th minute.

Fifteen minutes later the same player repeated the trick, this time there was nothing Warren could do to stop the shot going in.

With help from Dom Giannone, Iriarte again threatened in the 40th, but a clearance from

defender Buchanan saved Rockdale the embarrassment of being two down at the break.

Glen Sterrey and Alan Dean did a good job to bottle up the twin strike force of Porter and Beddoni and an all round strong showing by the visitors netted them two well deserved points.

Rockdale's newest recruit Blagoje Petrovski should have

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Canberra Croatia tops despite Kuc triple

BY GRAHAM COOKE

IT's not often a hat-trick is scored by a player on the losing side, but it happened to Avala's Miladic Kuc as his team went down 5-3 to Canberra Croatia in the top-of-the-table match on Sunday.

Kuc showed just why he is such a valuable import by taking full advantage of lapses in the home side's usually formidable defence which on occasions had as many holes as the half-completed sponsor and media complex soon be a major feature of Deakin Oval.

George Kulscar warmed the 1400-strong crowd in the first minute when his shot was hard enough to sting the hands of goalkeeper Angelo Rodic, and Croatia was worth the lead it took in the 23rd minute.

Alan Reis laid on an excellent pass for Zoran Pratezina who had time to steady himself before unleashing an unstoppable drive into the roof of the net.

Peter Vukmirovic

was in action to put in an important tackle on Doug Marcina and from the resulting counter attack the visitors equalised, Vince Nastovski's corner finding Kuc unmarked and able to blast his shot past Peter Gunning.

Croatia hit back with the first move of the second half, Macina slipping a short ball to Zelic whose cross was headed home by Tony Lemezina.

Then Marcina, re-velling in the freedom to attack from deep, was up to take a pass from Reis and score from close in.

Substitute Joe Galletti almost wrapped up the game with his first touch when he shot just over.

Instead Avala was back in it when Kuc again celebrated some freedom in front of the Croatia goal to make it 3-2.

But the powerful Galletti was making a big difference and his attempted pass inside to Jason Dunn panicked defender Alfredo Barrios into turning the ball into his own net.

"If we are going to win the championship we have to hold on to two-goal leads — in-



Field action as a Warringah defender glides in under his Rockdale Ilinden opponent at Hurstville Oval on Sunday. Pic: STEPHEN GOSCH, AVENEWS.

stead we looked a bit fragile when they started sticking balls into the box," Croatia coach Sermanni said. "We did not defend with as much conviction as we should have."

"Kuc did cause us some problems, but we caused as many for ourselves."

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Zelic, Marcina, Mazis, Dunn, Young, Kulscar,

Junna, Pratezina (Galletti 62) Reis, Lemezina.

AVALA: Rodic, Meades, Vukmirovic, Gonzales, Barrios, Benetiz (Moffat 83), Nastovski, Fitzharris, Kuz, McKie, Welch.

REFEREE: M. Williamson. CROWD: 1436.

Croatia's youth dominates

BY DAVID COOPER

SYDNEY Croatia's team of youngsters continued to impress when they defeated Polonia 3-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre at the weekend.

With seven players under the age of 18, it is obvious that Croatia is banking on this crop of youth players to carry their hopes for the future years.

The fact that most of them played with Croatia in the initial NSL summer season means they are proving to be a very formidable team is their State League this year.

Croatia opened up the scoring in the 7th minute when Manis Lamond laid off a perfect pass to David Seal, who had no trouble beating the keeper from five yards.

Continuing to look dangerous whenever they attacked, Croatia got their second when in the 15th minute Kypresak beat two defenders.

His shot evaded the outstretched arms of Bruce Thurlow, to crash into the bottom right-hand corner of the goal.



Lamond then scored Croatia's third when he received the ball on the half-way line.

He dribbled all the way to the goal area, shrugged off his defender and shot passed Thurlow for a very good individual goal.

Polonia scored a consolation goal with eight minutes remaining when Drys headed home after a cross from the left.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, Jones, Babic, Popovic, Stanton, French (Le-Fauvre), Kupresak, Petkovic (Gomez), Ricoy, Lamond, Seal.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chau, Thompson, Robertson, Kulwicki, D. Pratt (M. Pratt), Drys, Andersen, Beamer (Thompson), Soper, Nowicki.

REFEREE: Gary Power.

NSW

Wednesday July 4
Division 2: Waverley v Petersham, E.S. Marks Field, 6.15pm, 8.15pm.

Wednesday July 11
Southern Districts v Dulwich Hill, E. Smith Res 6.30pm, 8.15pm.

Tony Morley to aid W'gong Macedonia

CASEY de Bruin appears to have his side clicking at last going on their performance against North Shore at The Gabbie on Sunday.

They had to wait until the 29th minute to take the lead, but it really was one way traffic, with North Shore barely getting a look in and giving Peter Wilson very little to do on a cold afternoon.

John Cavanah almost deceived Michael Blanco with a high ball into the box in the 14th minute and Adam Sandy was just wide with a long range effort six minutes later.

Sandy, returning to the ground where he

began his Australian career, was responsible for the first goal, getting to the byline and tucking the ball back, for the simplest of finishes by the ever alert Graeme Fletcher.

John Bradley was just wide in the 42nd and Sandy blasted over in the 45th as Macedonia continued to take the game to United.

Two minutes into the second half Greg Brown crossed for Sandy to head in the second at the far post after a short corner on the right.

The well timed header was similar to the third goal, this time after a cross by Tony Cabassi which was nodded in by Fletcher in the same position, wide on the left.

When Bradley's shot struck Wayne Pierce on the hand in the 61st Brett Thornthwaite had no trouble in making it 4-0 from the spot.

Craig Bass and Glenn Jeffery toiled away without getting a sniff at goal all afternoon and it was an impressive performance by the ambitious Wollongong club which is set to sign 35 year old former Aston Villa star Tony Morley in time for the weekend.

NORTH SHORE UNITED: Blanco, Gillen, Pierce, Crookes, Nile, Ferguson (Bradley 76), Norman, Bennett, Sutherland (Jeffery 33), Bass, Savidas.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanah, Dimov, Galloway, Cabassi, Kay, Sandy, J. Bradley, G. Brown, Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

REFEREE: Eric Cohen.

RESULTS

CONFERENCE A: Rockdale-Ilinden 0 Warringah Freshwater 1 (Irlarte), Canberra Croatia 5 (Lemezina, Pratezina, Marcina, Reis, Barrios o.g.) Avala 3 (Kuc 3), BHP Austral 4 (Kratavski, Miler 2, Ironside) Sydney Macedonia 0, Sydney Olympic v Marconi postponed, Wollongong City bye.

GROUP B

St George 2 (El Ali, Freeston) Inter-Monaro 0, Canterbury-Marrickville 1 (Hantzis) Sutherland Shire 7 (Sellar, Bard 2, Leney, Hutcheon, Ensor, Christadoulou), Sydney Croatia 1 (Kupresak) North Shore United 0, Sydney Croatia 3 (Seal, Lamond, Kupresak) Polonia 1 (Drys), Blacktown City bye, North Shore United 0 Wollongong Macedonia 4 (Fletcher 2, Sandy, Thornthwaite pen.)

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Southern Districts v Orange Waratahs Ernie Smith Res

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Banksstown v Canterbury & Dist Jensen Park

SUNDAY JULY 8

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Rockdale Ilinden v Marconi Hurstville Oval
Warringah v Canberra Croatia Cromer Park
Avala v BHP Austral Melita Stadium
Sydney Macedonia v Wollongong City Jensen Oval
Sydney Olympic — bye

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Inter Monaro v Canterbury Marco Polo
Sutherland Shire v Sydney Croatia Seymour Shaw
Polonia v North Shore Utd Chopin Park
Wollongong Mac v Blacktown City Brandon Park
St George — bye

DIVISION 2

Fairfield City v Waverley Knight Park
Campbelltown Vik v Manly Warringah Bensley Road
Central Coast v Granville Chile Plum Park
Dulwich Hill v Gladesville H'by Arlington Oval
Auburn Yugal v Mt Druitt Town Mona Park
Rosebery v Petersham E S Marks Field

LEAGUE 3

Hills United v Mt Pritchard Fred Caterson Res
Concordia v Cyprus United Marrickville Oval
Uni of NSW v North Ryde RSL Little Bay Oval
Bathurst '75 v Port Hacking Kelso Park
West Wanderers v Lemnos Allstars Harold Read Res

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!



Oshana's winner for Fairfield City

THE pressure is beginning to tell on pacesetters Southern Districts and Dulwich Hill, both of whom have dropped points in recent games.

Districts came up against a Mount Druitt side at Popondetta Park which is now full of renewed confidence and was a goal down after 50 minutes.

Craig Smith pounced when Tony Mumford could not hold a Wayne Farnsworth free kick, but a header by Leo Ulloa in the 75th allowed the visitors to escape with a 1-1 draw.

Don Campbell again went close for 'Town Rangers' towards the end as the locals extended their unbeaten run to seven, but will take on a much improved Auburn Yugal this weekend.

Yugal went to a 2-0 half time lead at Cromer Park, before running out 2-1 winners over Manly.

Nineteen year old prospect Valdo Zoric put in a big effort and was rewarded with two goals, the first a powerful long range shot after 27 minutes and the second a tidy finish to a ball supplied by Wally Apanian.

Manly replied in the 70th through new signing Graham Walton, who came on as a substitute and continued

where he left off last year with North Shore United, with a goal in his first game.

Dulwich Hill mounted a continuous stream of attacks at Knight Park against the hosts Fairfield City and looked set for a big day when Steve Karavatakis opened the scoring in the 15th minute.

The emphasis on attack left the Madeira side exposed to the counter attacking game of the Fairfield team and in the second half the threat turned into reality when the equalizer was scored two minutes after the restart.

Tony Oshana took the ball from half way, exchanged passes on the left with Julio Jacobson, before tapping the ball on to Remy Galloway and the tiny youngster made sure from close range.

Oshana got the winner five minutes later, having received the ball from Jones and, again with Jacobson's assistance, raced in to net from eight metres.

The win stretches to twelve the Fairfield unbeaten sequence and it is up to Central Coast to try to end that run at Plum Park this weekend.

Coast managed a

good 1-1 draw with Gladesville at a blustery Christie Park and are going to be a hard side for any of the other title challengers to beat.

They fell behind when Bernie Voloder took on and beat the 'keeper, scouting wide outside of his goal, and crossed for Graeme Williamson to head into an empty net in the 30th minute.

Coast got even in the 43rd when Paul Corbett used the strong wind to advantage, placing a curling angled shot over David Griffiths and into the far corner, when a cross looked the likely option.

Campbelltown and Granville played a 1-1 draw at Garside Park, the home side going to the front in the 20th when Andy Ferris's cut-back ball from the by-line was turned in by M. Rivera.

Ray Carney brought the sides level from the penalty spot after Sep Disch had been brought down by the 'keeper.

Greg Woodhouse made his debut for The Vikings and saved a Ferris shot destined to win the game, but

Damage to bus

Local 'fans' broke a window in the Avala coach, according to allegations from reliable sources.

The unfortunate incident occurred at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

The NSW Federation should ensure that a report is received and the matter dealt with.

It is essential that such actions by small elements not involved in the football be eliminated from the code.

Women's World Cup



The first World Cup for women will be played in China from 17/30 November 1991.

This is great news for nations that have been waiting since 1978 for FIFA to commit itself to staging a women's world tournament.

The finals will consist of 12 nations: three from Asia including host China; five from Europe and one each from Oceania, North and Central America, South America and Africa.

Decisions on the format for the Oceania qualification competition have yet to be finalised.

Clearly, however, Australia will have to beat its old rival, New Zealand before any tickets for China are delivered.

Hans Trostel put paid to Campbelltown's hopes with a fine display of his own at the other end.

Petersham are now running into top form and the presence of Victor Sergio is playing no small part in this.

For the second week in a row it was Sergio who opened the scoring, being on the spot when a back header from Robbie Thompson reached the far post.

Petersham went on to defeat Waverley 2-0 with Pat Sullivan putting the issue beyond doubt in the 75th with a long range strike.

Snow during the week and possible road closures may not have stopped Orange and Rosebery playing at the Waratah Sports Ground but a water-logged pitch certainly did, leaving both sides looking for a long overdue win for at least another week.

RESULTS

Granville-Chile 1 (Rivera)
Campbelltown 1 (Carney pen),
Petersham Lusitanos 2 (Sergio, Sullivan) Waverley 0,
Mount Druitt 1 (Smith) Southern Districts 1 (Ulloa), Manly Warringah 1 (Walton) Auburn Yugal 2 (Zoric 2), Fairfield City 2 (Galloway, Oshana) Dulwich Hill Madeira 1 (Karavatakis), Orange-Waratah v Rosebery Portugal postponed, Gladesville Hornsby 1 (G. Williamson) Central Coast 1 (Corbett).

LEADING SCORERS: 11 Dennis Duarte, 10 Paul Harriott, Sep Disch, Barry Walker, 9 Andy Ferris, 8 Graeme Williamson, 7 Gerkin Tasdemir, Paul Pellenon, 6 Mark Butler, Oskar Selik, Leo Ulloa, Ray Carney, Remy Galloway, 5 Gary Hestle, Darren Stephenson, Jason Gribble, Seve Karavatakis, Paul Corbett, 4 Nello Borges, Stephen Hooper, Max Defellibus, Chris Butt, Birol Sertbas, Tiz Morosini, Steve Blackburn, Jimmy Berry, 3 Ciaramella, Ian Wotherpoon, Ercan Osman, Erkin Osman, Ugher Taskin, Ian Hooper, Vaso Despotovic, Andrew Ollier, Robbie Lowe, Tony Heery, Ron Davison, Ashley Williamson, Danny Zannola, Wayne Farnsworth, Richard Celarc, Don Campbell, Warwick Turpin, Zeljko Beres, Radovan Filipovic, Tony Oshana, Valdo Zoric.



Sharks by a mile

ARLINGTON Oval was a happy hunting ground for Sutherland Shire on Sunday when they ran away to a 7-1 victory over Canterbury Marrickville.

The Berries could only answer with a lone goal through Spiro Hantzis.

For the Sharks, Bard (2), Sellar, Leney, Hutcheon, Ensor and Christadoulou went on the score sheet.

Inter Monaro survives

BY GRAHAM COOKE

INTER Monaro will continue under its own power and all takeovers and mergers are off, club publicity officer Trish McDonald said yesterday.

And in reference to the ACT League club whose name has been linked with Monaro over the last few weeks she said: "Queenbeyan Macedonia has missed the boat."

"We have formed a much stronger committee which gives us better ties with the Marco Polo Club," she said.

The new Monaro president is Marco Polo chief Dominic Barilano, but McDonald said the arrangement stopped short of that which existed up to 1985 when the licensed club was responsible for the soccer team's debts.

"In the longer term we hope to be able to announce some new sponsorship which will guarantee the club's future," McDonald said.

"The players were notified at their Wednesday training session and most have agreed to sign new contracts with us. Those who don't will be released."

"You can say there is a new air of optimism at the club."

Her words were echoed by coach Harry Williams who said very few players had indicated they would not sign contracts.

"Even if they leave we will still have 27 players on the books which should be more than enough to get us through the season."

"Those who have said they will stay have been told that 100 per cent commitment is needed."

While Monaro may have successfully overcome the off-field crisis, it faces a mighty battle for NSW State League first-division survival.

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Southern Dist	16	11	3	2	35	15	25
Dulwich Hill	16	10	4	2	32	11	24
Fairfield City	16	6	8	2	22	16	20
Camp'town Vik	16	7	6	5	30	26	20
Petersham	17	6	8	3	18	15	20
Central Coast	17	8	3	6	22	21	19
Waverley	16	5	4	6	23	21	16
Mt Druitt Town	18	5	6	7	16	20	16
Granville Chile	18	6	4	0	23	28	16
Auburn Yugal	18	5	5	8	19	23	15
Gr'ville H'by	17	3	9	5	21	26	15
Manly W'gah	17	5	4	8	22	23	14
Rosebery	15	5	3	7	24	29	13
Orange War	17	0	3	14	11	44	3

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Southern Dist	16	15	1	0	42	10	31
Granville Chile	18	12	4	4	36	22	26
Camp'town Vik	16	10	3	5	32	19	23
Rosebery	15	10	2	3	37	18	22
Dulwich Hill	16	10	2	4	34	15	22
Gr'ville H'by	17	8	3	6	41	28	19
Manly W'gah	17	7	4	5	44	34	18
Central Coast	17	6	2	7	40	40	18
Waverley	16	5	2	9	21	33	12
Mt Druitt Town	18	4	3	11	30	39	11
Fairfield City	16	5	1	10	19	30	11
Petersham	17	3	3	11	17	35	9
Auburn Yugal	18	3	3	12	23	35	9
Orange War	17	1	3	13	11	47	5

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Mt Pritchard	10	7	2	1	21	8	16
Hills United	13	8	4	3	24	12	16
Port Hacking	10	8	0	2	23	12	16
Cyprus United	11	7	1	3	24	13	15
Lemnos Allstars	12	6	3	3	18	13	15
Bankstown	11	3	6	2	17	12	12
Bathurst 75	11	5	0	6	14	13	10
West Wanderers	12	4	2	6	19	21	10
North Ryde RSL	12	3	3	6	18	23	9
Uni of NSW	12	3	2	7	12	27	8
Concordia	12	3	7	6	20	7	7
C'bury & Dist	12	2	0	10	7	31	4

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Mt Pritchard	10	6	1	1	24	11	17
C'bury & Dist	12	7	3	2	26	10	17
Bankstown	11	6	1	2	23	10	17
Hills United	13	6	5	2	18	13	17
Lemnos Allstars	12	7	2	3	22	10	16
Cyprus United	11	6	3	2	22	11	15
Uni of NSW	12	7	1	4	24	22	15
Port Hacking	10	3	3	4	9	16	9
West Wanderers	12	2	1	9	39	31	5
North Ryde RSL	12	0	4	8	6	20	4
Bathurst 75	11	2	0	9	8	28	4
Concordia	12	0	2	10	4	43	2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 1

Amcliffe	14	7	4	3	30	18	18
SSC Zagreb	12	6	1	3	30	16	17
Trasandinos	13	6	1	4	30	16	17
Spanish Club	14	7	1	6	30	24	15
Colo Colo	12	7	1	4	17	13	15
Hajduk Rangers	13	5	4	2	25	14	14
Concord Juniors	12	3	4	4	17	14	13
Balmora Her	11	6	0	5	23	15	12
Hawkesbury Dist	13	4	4	5	11	16	12
Nineveh Eagles	11	4	2	5	12	13	10
Croatia Syd Jnrs	12	1	2	9	9	52	4
Rooty Hill	11	0	1	10	8	31	1

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 2

Trasandinos	14	9	2	3	27	12	20
Hawkesbury Dist	14	6	2	2	29	16	18
SSC Zagreb	12	7	2	3	26	12	16
Nineveh Eagles	12	7	2	3	22	15	16
Spanish Club	14	7	1	6	30	19	15
Hajduk Rangers	13	7	1	5	26	29	15

STATE LEAGUE ONE

BHP Austral v Sydney Macedonia	4-0	0-0
Canberra Croatia v Avala	5-3	2-0
Rockdale v Warringah	0-1	2-3

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B

St George v Inter Monaro	2-0	0-0
Canterbury v Sutherland Shire	1-7	0-4
Sydney Croatia v Polonia	3-1	1-0
North Shore Utd v Wollongong Mac	0-4	4-0

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Granville Chile v Campbelltown Vik	1-1	0-2
Gladesville v Central Coast	1-1	5-1
Fairfield City v Dulwich Hill	2-1	1-3
Manly Warringah v Auburn Yugal	1-2	0-1
Mt Druitt v Southern Dist	1-1	1-2
Petersham v Waverley	2-0	3-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

North Ryde v Bankstown	2-0	1-2
Cyprus United v Mt Pritchard	2-0	0-2
Canterbury Dist v Concordia	0-1	1-0
Hills United v Bathurst	1-0	1-0
Port Hacking v West Wanderers	3-2	2-0
Lemnos Allstars v Uni of NSW	1-0	3-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR

Hawkesbury v Rooty Hill Gunners	3-2	5-1
Amcliffe v Spanish Club	2-0	1-0
SSC Zagreb v Hajduk Rangers	3-2	0-1
Hawkesbury v Concord Juniors	0-0	0-0
Nineveh Eagles v Balmora Hercules	1-2	2-1
Rooty Hill v Colo Colo	0-2	3-4
Croatia Syd Jnrs v Trasandinos	0-3	0-4

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

Ashour Star v W.D. Hellas	2-4	1-3
Chile Sports v GNS United	3-1	1-0
Macquarie Uni v Prospect United	2-1	for
Maccabi Hakoah v Sydney Uni	1-4	canc
Lithgow Workmen v Sporting Peru	1-3	2-0
CSI Schofields v Alexander	5-0	1-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

St Josephs v Cobreloa	0-0	3-0
Liverpool Oly v Pagewood Botany	0-4	2-5
Liverpool City v Assyrian	1-2	8-1
Balmora v Fogolar Furlan	1-4	1-2
New Welcome v Pontian Eagles	2-2	2-1
Penrith v Abruzzi	1-1	1-1

STATE WOMENS LEAGUE: ONE

Mt Druitt v Illawarra	3-1	
North Ryde v Liverpool Oly	2-1	
Melita Eagles v Epping Eastwood	1-0	

STATE WOMENS LEAGUE: TWO

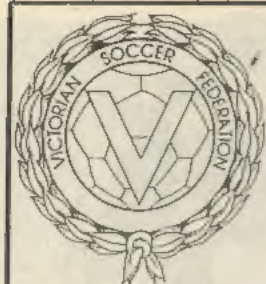
North Ryde v Liverpool Oly	0-2	
Melita Eagles v Epping Eastwood	0-4	

NSW country to compete

The National Junior Soccer Council agreed to accept entries from NSW country in its championships.

Officials greeted the move, saying that it is very progressing and will lead to the game being promoted more widely.

One official said: "It would have been very difficult to knock back the proposal in view of the high number of players in the country."



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Altona East	24	15	4	45	14	36
Altona West	24	15	3	48	25	36
B'wick Juventus	24	15	5	68	22	35
Fawkner	23	14	2	72	31	38
St Albans	23	14	1	8	26	23
Thomastown	23	11	6	8	43	29
N. Geelong	23	13	2	8	49	37
R. Wood City	24	11	3	39	34	25
Geelong	24	8	8	40	37	24
Croydon City	23	18	3	10	40	35
Cauffield	24	11	3	10	39	40
Green Gully	24	7	5	12	36	50
Box Hill	24	4	14	25	39	16
M. Bour City	23	4	16	25	85	11
F. St. John	23	3	16	37	70	10
Moorebank	23	1	16	10	55	8
Alton	24	2	3	19	78	7

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Springvale City	14	9	2	23	15	21
Westgate	14	9	2	33	15	20
Geelong	14	9	2	31	19	20
Knox City	14	8	4	23	17	20
Port Melbourne	14	6	7	13	13	19
Oakleigh	14	6	2	4	27	18
Mordialloc	14	5	3	6	10	13
Western Suburbs	14	3	6	10	12	13
Werribee	14	3	7	12	16	11
Maribou	14	2	7	20	21	11
Essendon City	14	3	5	16	22	11
Nth. Geelong	14	3	8	20	26	9
Broadmeadows	14	3	2	9	21	8
Saundersfoot	14	1	12	9	30	3

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Dandenong	14	11	3	0	37	11
Port Melbourne	14	9	2	33	13	21
Oakleigh	14	8	2	33	15	20
Nth. Geelong	14	8	2	32	18	19
Knox City	14	5	4	31	25	16
Broadmeadows	14	5	2	27	32	14
Werribee	14	4	5	30	25	13
Springvale City	14	3	6	18	15	13
Maribou	14	3	6	19	23	13
Essendon City	14	4	6	16	17	12
Saundersfoot	13	2	8	15	25	8
Westgate	13	2	7	13	37	8
Western Suburbs	14	2	9	26	32	7
Mordialloc	14	1	9	17	42	6

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Brighton	14	11	3	24	15	19
Deil Park	14	9	2	33	15	18
Kellon	13	11	4	14	14	17
Clifton Hill	14	6	4	14	12	17
Dandenong	14	5	4	31	25	15
Dandenong	14	5	3	22	20	15
Waverley City	14	5	4	31	16	14
Geelong	14	5	2	6	19	14
Chelmsford	14	5	2	24	14	14
Sunbury United	14	5	2	24	12	12
Hamawood City	14	3	6	20	24	12
Ridgeway	13	3	7	6	15	10
Colong	12	3	7	12	23	8
Ringwood Utd	14	2	8	15	30	8

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES

Clifton Hill	13	9	2	24	11	20
Dandenong	14	8	2	30	11	20
Sunbury United	14	9	2	30	15	20
Brighton	14	9	2	30	15	20
Kellon	13	8	3	25	12	19
Waverley City	14	7	3	40	18	17
Deil Park	14	6	3	24	16	15
Dandenong	14	6	2	19	21	14
Hamawood City	14	5	3	32	20	13
Ridgeway	14	5	2	7	35	12
Geelong	13	3	7	23	33	8
Colong	12	3	7	12	23	8
Ringwood Utd	14	2	8	15	30	8
Chelmsford	14	1	12	9	30	3

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Bentleigh Green	14	9	4	1	29	12
Altona City	14	9	3	28	20	21
Holland Park	14	7	4	30	14	18
Seaford United	14	7	3	26	19	17
Clarendon	14	6	4	15	9	16
Corio-Geelong	14	5	4	25	21	15
Lalor United	14	5	4	21	20	14
Heidelberg City	14	4	5	11	13	14
Moorebank City	14	4	5	16	20	14
El. Diam. Valley	14	4	6	16	17	12
Geelong	14	2	6	15	23	10
Mornington	14	1	9	24	23	9
Springvale Utd.	14	3	2	9	12	33
Yarraville	14	1	9	15	29	9

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Lalor United	14	9	4	1	23	12
Moorebank City	14	8	2	3	42	18
Altona City	14	10	6	4	31	20
Clarendon	14	8	2	4	31	18
Seaford United	14	7	3	4	25	17
Clarendon	14	8	1	5	27	17
El. Diam. Valley	14	6	1	29	25	14
Mornington	14	6	1	29	25	14
Bentleigh Green	14	4	6	26	33	12
Heidelberg City	14	4	3	7	25	11
Yarraville	14	4	1	9	15	29

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

Springvale Utd.	14	3	2	9	34	38
Corio-Geelong	14	3	2	9	16	42
Holland Park	14	3	1	18	25	48

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES

East Brunswick	14	12	1	1	33	12
Spring. Condors	14	10	3	1	42	11
Langwarrin	14	10	1	3	38	14
Karling Utd.	14	8	3	3	14	19
Hamlyn Rangers	14	8	2	2	29	18
More Park Rang.	14	5	7	2	23	15
Passcoe Vale	14	5	6	16	24	13
Berwick City	14	3	5	6	13	21
Fernie Gully	14	3	4	7	19	28
Oakleigh Sub.	13	4	1	8	23	22
Rosanna	13	3	3	7	15	22
Hawthorn	14	4	1	9	29	39
Regent	13	2	1	10	9	27
Yallourn	13	1	1	11	4	59

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

South Dandenong	15	8	4	3	36	20
Cranebourne	14	9	2	3	19	8
Altona East	15	8	4	3	21	14
South Werribee	15	8	3	4	24	19
Malvern City	15	7	5	3	24	19
Nth. Sunshine	15	7	5	3	22	14
Forest Hill	14	7	2	5	27	18
Williamstown	15	3	9	3	20	15
East Geelong	15	3	8	4	17	19
Melton	15	4	5	25	24	13
Berwick City	15	3	6	20	20	12
Westvale	16	2	7	1	20	11
Mossfield Ranger	15	2	4	9	14	32
Keysborough	15	2	3	10	13	41

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

South Dandenong	14	11	2	1	51	25
Altona East	14	8	3	3	24	19
Williamstown	15	8	3	4	30	25
Westvale	15	6	6	3	20	28
Nth. Sunshine	14	6	4	23	19	16
Mossfield Ranger	15	6	3	21	22	15
Melton	15	4	7	21	23	15
South Werribee	14	5	4	5	20	17
Cranebourne	14	5	2	7	33	12
East Geelong	15	4	4	7	21	32
Berwick City	15	4	3	8	26	11
Keysborough	15	3	2	10	22	34
Forest Hill	14	2	3	9	32	7
Glenorchy City	15	2	3	10	19	43

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Frankston Utd.	16	13	1	2	45	16
St. Albans	16	12	3	1	37	11
Ascot St. Marks	16	12	2	3	14	26
Woodward Park	16	11	4	3	26	23
Lalor	16	9	4	3	16	22
Lyndale Utd.	16	9	3	4	35	24
Ballarat	16	9	2	5	26	17
Waverley Utd.	16	6	3	7	22	19
Brinsford	16	6	2	8	20	14
Brandford Park	16	4	5	7	18	22
Port United	16	3	4	9	17	32
Fitzroy City	16	3	3	10	16	24

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES

Frankston Utd.	16	13	1	2	45	16
St. Albans	16	12	3	1	37	11
Ascot St. Marks	16	12	2	3	14	26
Woodward Park	16	11	4	3	26	23
Lalor	16	9	4	3	16	22
Lyndale Utd.	16	9	3	4	35	24
Ballarat	16	9	2	5	26	17
Waverley Utd.	16	6	3	7	22	19
Brinsford	16	6	2	8	20	14
Brandford Park	16	4	5	7	18	22
Port United	16	3	4	9	17	32
Fitzroy City	16	3	3	10	16	24

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

South Yarra	16	5	2	7	21	32
South Yarra	16	5	2	7	21	32
Brandford Park	16	3	4	9	17	32
Kew Eagles	15	0	2	13	10	51

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Mentone Utd.	16	11	2	3	35	14
Wentworth	16	11	1	4	39	12
SLKide	16	9	4	3	25	15
East Richmond	16	8	5	3	41	22
Hampton Utd.	15	10	1	4	31	25
Hampton Utd.	15	9	3	4	28	21
Nth. Clayton	16	8	2	6	22	17

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

Glenroy	16	11	3	2	43	18
Monash Utd.	16	10	5	1	38	13
East Richmond	16	9	3	4	48	36
Riverdale	16	7	6	3	35	21
Wentworth	16	8	4	3	21	28
Batman Utd.	16	8	4	3	30	20
Monbulk	16	8	3	5	24	19
Sunshine Park	16	8	1	7	28	17
Mitcham Utd.	16	6	6	5	28	16
Mentone Utd.	15	5	5	5	34	28
Hampton Park	16	6	3	7	26	15
SLKide	15	4	7	2	21	26
Mord. Sparrows	16	3	3	10	26	43
Nth. Clayton	16	3	3	10	26	43
Carrum United	16	4	0	12	23	54
Bearmaris	16	1	1	14	11	61

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES

Waver. Wanderers	13	9	2	2	18	26
Old Scotch	13	8	2	3	47	21
Hawthorn Utd.	13	7	3	3	34	19
Collingwood	13	6	3	4	27	23
Oakleigh Utd.	13	7	1	5	31	15
Otago Res.	12	4	5	3	21	13
Kellon Utd.	13	4	5	25	29	12
Northern Utd.	13	3	6	4	21	27
Lalor Utd.	13	4	2	7	26	10
SLKide	13	3	6	21	38	10
Philp Inst.	13	1	3	9	24	50

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Latrobe Utd.	13	4	2	7	22	36
N. Meadows Utd.	13	3	4	6	21	38
Balwyn.	12	1	8	20	28	7
Phillip Inst.	13	1	3	9	24	50
VIC AMAT ONE RESERVES						
Old Scotch	13	12	0	1	46	16
Balwyn.	12	9	1	2	44	16
Waver. Wanderers						
1	3	6	3	4	2	9
Oakleigh Utd.	13	6	2	5	34	30
Collingwood	12	6	5	6	35	28
Southb. Utd.	13	4	4	5	20	26
1	3	4	4	5	24	25

Ian Wallace's sensational departure

BY GREG BLAKE & DAVID BULLOCK

FAWKNER 4 ALBION 0

IAN Wallace, the former Scottish international who took Albion out of the First Division and guided them to the top of the State League table just six weeks ago, has left the club.

Wallace apparently resigned following Albion's 4-0 thrashing at the hands of a rampaging Fawkner on Sunday and as we went to press the club was yet to name a successor.

"Ian resigned because he didn't believe he had the support of the players," said Albion secretary Erbio Mustafa only hours after the club's fifth defeat in seven outings.

"Maybe he was upset but we are trying to speak to him and get him back to the club."

Wallace, one of the best credentialled players to come to Australia, was tight-lipped about Sunday's events.

"I'll let them (the club) tell the story — I've got nothing to say," Wallace told ASW.

"I know the truth and the players know the truth so I don't need to comment on the subject."

"But if I was to return there would have to be a 60 percent improvement in all aspects of the club."

Mustafa admitted that the club was already looking at likely replacements for Wallace with Cedo Cirko-vic, Ray Pocock, Bill Murray and Zdravko Lujic the leading contenders for the job.

For fourth placed Fawkner the 4-0 win was another confidence booster under new coach Claude Lucchesi.

A ninth minute own goal from Tyrone James set Fawkner on its way and the home side followed up with a second goal six minutes from half time when Stevan-covic headed against the post and Tony Marchett netted the rebound.

Brimming with confidence Fawkner tore into Albion after the break with Emmanuelle robbing Flavell and squaring for David Hanna to make it 3-0 in the 61st minute.

Stevancevic added Fawkner's fourth with nine minutes left on the clock.

HEIDELBERG 2 BOX HILL 0

Heidelberg put in a display hardly befitting the club's position as the

likely challenger to Croydon's top spot when it struggled home 2-0 against basement team Box Hill on Sunday.

The courageous Hill-men frustrated the Bergers with a disciplined display and were robbed of a result as two penalties in the final ten minutes of action got Heidelberg home.

Box Hill officials were quietly fuming about the two late penalties, both converted by Stuart Cannell, with the first, in the 82nd minute, branded a "disgrace" after 17 year-old Brett Rice was ruled to have handled a speculative shot.

Unlucky Rice was again ruled as the culprit four minutes later when a bouncing ball struck him on the upper arm and referee John Rutter pointed to the spot for the second time.

"When you're down every single thing seems to go against you," said one Box Hill official.

Heidelberg supporters, less than 200 in number, went home cold, wet and disappointed after their side's lacklustre effort against the bottom team.

With Goutzioulis and Lewis well held by the Box Hill defence the Bergers carved out few chances.

MELBOURNE JUST 3 NORTHCOTE 0

Melbourne JUST powered to its equal best win of the season on Sunday as it blew away a very disappointing Northcote City 3-0 at Schintler reserve.

Injury-riddled Northcote had few options against livewire JUST and Northcote coach Roy McLaren must be scratching his head and wondering what he can do to lift a Northcote side which promised so much pre-season.

But JUST need not be too carried away by the result, which in no small way was inspired by NSL Youth League player of the year Saso Becvinovski.

In two games since his return from training with the Aussie youth team Becvinovski has fired his team to successive wins against Ringwood and Northcote.

This week Becvinovski leaves again for four weeks with the Australian Youth team and JUST will find it hard to cover for arguably its most valuable player.

Becvinovski had a hand in all three of Sunday's goals with Zoran Cazin scoring the first four minutes from half time.

Becvinovski himself made it 2-0 in the 50th minute as he headed home Cazin's cross and the pair combined again with 11 minutes left to play as Becvinovski's shot was saved and Cazin swooped in to net the rebound.

JUVENTUS 2 THOMASTOWN 1

Brunswick Juventus maintained the pressure on league pacesetters Heidelberg and Croydon when it downed Thomastown 2-1 in the all-Italian derby at Middle Park on Sunday.

Thomastown was all but down for the count after 20 minutes of Juventus fury had left the red and blacks in its wake.

Steve Smith had a goal disallowed after only 30 seconds play as Juve signalled its intentions and eleven minutes in Sean Lane put the home side on the scoreboard as he headed home McNichol's cross.

Thomastown's hopes sunk just minutes after the match-opener as player-coach Kenny Murphy limped off after apparently aggravating an ongoing groin injury.

Brunswick struck again in the 20th minute as Smith ended a mazy run past three defenders with an angled goa to give 'Smudger' his 13th goal in just 17 outings with the black and whites.

Juve didn't add to its goal total despite a mounting corner kick total in its favour and it was left to Thomastown substitute Victor Cristaldo to regain some lost pride for the visitors by making it 2-1 in the 89th minute of play.

Veteran Brunswick front man Charlie Egan ended speculation about a move on transfer deadline eve when he appeared for Juve reserves and scored twice in a 5-0 win.

BULLEEN 0 CAULFIELD 0

Bulleen and Caulfield had to be content with a share of the points in a dour struggle, played in heavy conditions.

The Bulleen camp was thrown into disarray when Darren Tuck, their leading goalscorer this season, had to leave the field 27 minutes into the first half after dislocating his elbow.

Caulfield had little penetration from their forwards including Con Pappas, the league's second leading scorer.

Overall, a disappointing game from two high-

ly skilled outfits.

FRANKSTON 3 ST ALBANS 0

A Steve Keenan hat-trick and the return of Graeme Watson from Morwell, sparked Frankston Pines to their third consecutive win against a luckless St Albans.

Keenan who has shown so much promise since arriving in Australia three years ago, opened the scoring in the 20th minute from the penalty spot.

Pines were awarded their second penalty of the afternoon midway through the second half, Keenan once again stepped up to the spot and made no mistake, sending the keeper the wrong way.

With ten minutes of time remaining, Keenan brought up his hat-trick, after receiving a clever pass, he beat the St Albans defence and rounded the keeper to score with ease.

Keenan had his glory cut short, with only a matter of minutes remaining, he was given his marching orders for his second bookable offence of the afternoon.

GREEN GULLY 2 MOOROOLBARK 3

Mooroolbark caused the upset of the round when they defeated Green Gully, whose form of late has been very inconsistent.

They played strong attacking soccer and this unnerved the Green Gully side, and it was no surprise when Mooroolbark took the lead in the first half through David Brogan.

Gully equalised early in the second half through Tommy Daly, but the never say die Mooroolbark side took back the lead, when Brogan made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Gully got back on level terms when Daly was brought down in the penalty area. Jeff Faulkner stepped up and made no mistake with the spot kick.

Mooroolbark's winner came from Irish import David McCallum, a player who so far this season has been limited to a handful of games. McCallum won a 50/50 duel for the ball and with class drove home from 25 yards, past a hapless keeper.

Mooroolbark coach Graham French was a happy man after the game. "It's joyous, I believe we battled hard, we tore their defence to ribbons on occasions,

I'm very pleased with the result.

"I believe we can now string some results together."

CROYDON 1 ALTONA GATE 0

League leader Croydon continued on their winning ways in a very poor and lifeless game against Altona Gate.

To be fair to Altona Gate, Croydon's disgraceful ground conditions did not suit their style of play.

Croydon is a team of battlers and they played dour soccer for the entire afternoon, they limited many Altona forward thrusts and controlled the midfield for most of the game.

The only highlight of the game came five minutes into the second half, Andy Humble received an astute pass down the right to fire home a delightful shot past Kociski in the Altona Gate goal.

That was enough to secure the two points for the home side, but one wonders how long it will be before the powerful Juventus outfit will take over the reins.

MORWELL 1 RINGWOOD 2

Morwell Falcons, which included new signing from Green Gully, Adrian Pender, thoughly outplayed a lacklustre Ringwood team in a very spittal encounter.

Morwell's effervescent striker, Billy Wright, was the centre of many spiteful actions during the afternoons proceedings, but to Wright's credit he kept a calm head while his teammates toyed with the opposition.

Morwell opened the scoring 11 minutes into the first half when a Sean Byrne cross was collected by Ally Dick who had little trouble slotting past the Ringwood keeper Colin Slackley.

Ringwood got back on level terms four minutes later, when a super cross from Paul Muir was met by Micky Maguire at the far post, he nodded the ball with ease into the back of the net.

Morwell took back the lead one minute later when Wright latched onto a powerful first time shot, leaving the goalkeeper with no chance.

The second half saw Morwell extend their lead in the 59th minute. Gordon Scott made an enterprising run through the middle and



Ian Wallace

laid a good ball off to Dick on his left.

Dick forced his way into the area and was brought down by John Wall, and Sean Cain made no mistake from the penalty spot.

In the 69th minute, the game was brought into disgrace. Ringwood's Des Shannon and Wright collided accidentally, Shannon had to leave the field with a nasty gash above his eye and from then on Ringwood were intent on evening the score.

It was no surprise that in the 74th minute, Maguire was sent off for a crude and dangerous tackle on Wright.

Morwell increased their score in the 78th minute when Byrne scored with ease from a set play, while five minutes later, Dick scored from an identical move.

Ringwood's Muir score a consolation goal, six minutes from full time.

LEADING SCORERS: Lewis (Heid) 16, Pappas (Caul) 15, Smith (Juve) 13, McMullen (Alb) 11, Erea (St A) 9, Klepac (Croy) 8.

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

Altona Gate v Fawkner, Mooroolbark v Melbourne JUST, Northcote City v Morwell Falcons, Caulfield City v Thomastown.

SUNDAY

Heidelberg v Bulleen, Box Hill v Croydon City, Albion v Frankston Pines, St Albans v Green Gully, Brunswick Juventus v Ringwood City.

Faulkner downs Northcote

In a re-scheduled Victorian State League round 22 game played last Wednesday night Fawkner downed Northcote City 2-0 under lights at the John Cain Reserve.

Fawkner's win, thanks to goals from Cardwell and Hanna, was the club's second in succession under new coach Claude Lucchesi and it propelled the championship dark-horse into fourth place on the State League ladder.

The reserves game was abandoned after 20 minutes play due to a temporary power failure.

Fate so unkind to Melbourne Croatia

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE Croatia's season fell apart on the eve of what should have been its most glorious hour.

Only days before Croatia's play-off match with South Melbourne the man rated as this country's finest import in a decade was allowed to fly off to Europe in search of an elusive \$50,000 transfer back to the club he had left for Canada as a youth.

That man was eventual NSL Player of the Year, Zeljko Adzic.

If what was left of Croatia's title hopes didn't walk with him, what remained limped away just a couple of days later as Branko Milosevic ended the South Melbourne game with an injury serious enough to keep



Alan Davidson

him out of two subsequent failed finals matches and an eventual courageous third



ZELJKO ADZIC

for the club.

But despite its best ever NSL season coach Raznjevic paid the ultimate price for what seemed to me to be a case of a combination of bad luck (Milosevic) and bad management (Adzic).

Granted that Adzic and Milosevic weren't the only stars of the team, but, combined with the mercurial Davidson, who is maturing like a vintage wine, this trio made up the heart and soul of the team.

Raznjevic was a sacrificial lamb in the end.

Despite turning the club into a powerful and feared outfit in less than two years and despite boasting successive finals series — the first Melbourne

club to do so since Brunswick Juventus and Heidelberg in 1985 and 1986 — Raznjevic was pushed from his perch virtually hours after losing to eventual champion Olympic in the preliminary final.

It was a decision the club might yet live to regret.

Raznjevic proved his value when he guided the team through a horrendous injury run early in the season, so much so that the results against the odds paved the club's way to the double chance.

Whoever gets the Croatia job has plenty to live up to, particularly in the absence of Player of the Year Adzic.

But that is not to say

there isn't still an abundance of talent at Somers Street.

Milosevic received his due recognition by finishing in the Top Five in the players' Player of the Year votes and he's still to mature as a player.

Davidson is playing the best football of his career and it's little wonder the powers that be are prepared to move heaven and earth to get him back into the green and gold.

Miller made the number one jersey his to keep and if Hannah reckons he's got another season in him at 33, who am I to argue with a champion?

Donnelly was good value despite missing a number of games and Selemidis played himself into good form in the finals even if he probably isn't a long-term proposition.

Like a number of other Croatia players skipper Biskic had an interrupted year, due to both physical and other problems.

If Duzel finds some consistency there is no reason why he cannot be an adequate replacement for Adzic and Talajich had his best season to date.

Markovski was a long way from his best this year but is a proven champion and will respond to the challenge.

The question marks are against Croatia's strike force of regular



Francis Awaritefe

Awaritefe and hot-and-cold performers Caleta and Kelic.

Awaritefe scored some beauties and missed some stinkers this season, but perhaps too much is made of his glaring misses.

Neither Caleta nor Kelic managed an extended first team run and neither are certainties to remain at the club.

Much will depend on the club's choice as new coach.

Melbourne Croatia still has the potential to take that last, long step from contender to champion, but 1990/91 might be a now or never situation.

Morgan for Britain

BY DAVID BULLOCK

SEVENTEEN year old Ringwood City youngster David Morgan is set to embark on a trip of a lifetime.

Morgan hopes to follow the path laid by Craig Johnston and Tony Dorigo when he departs Australia to take up trials with Scottish Premier Division club Dundee United and English First Division club Everton.

The first thing you notice about Morgan is his maturity and his desire to play soccer at its highest level.

Add to this an incredible amount of potential and the world could be surely at his feet.

Morgan started playing the game at the age of six with Box Hill Soccer Club, he then joined Ringwood and then it was off to Mooroolbark.

At 15 he joined Croydon where he stayed until the start of this season, but a contractual dispute led to Morgan's exit from Town Park.

Croydon officials wanted a signed contract to hold him to the club, with a clause of a royalty claim should he make the "big time".

Though Morgan is grateful to Croydon for the experience he gained while training and playing a handful of



senior games, he adds "It is disappointing that junior players have been trying to break into the senior team for up to six years and the club continued to ignore them."

When Ringwood City stepped in and offered Morgan a contract free chance to continue his State League career, the Dutch-backed club gained a real bonus.

Morgan said: "Yes I'm very grateful to Ringwood, they have given me 17 senior games, in which I have gained alot of valuable experience."

"I'd like to thank the players who have been very supportive and also to the club in general."

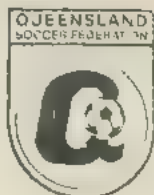
Morgan also explained what he hopes to achieve in his overseas journey.

"I hope to belong to either a English First Division club or a Premier Division Scottish club, I'd prefer a Scottish club because I have relatives over there."

"I would have accommodation and I wouldn't get so homesick."

Celtic is another port of call for the youngster.

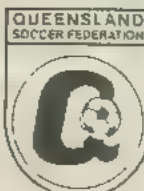
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MARCONI	1st	8	3	2	24 (1.85)	10 (0.77)	+14	19	8	3	2	27 (2.08)	14 (1.08)	+13	19	26	16	6	4	51 (1.96)	24 (0.92)	+27	38	5	9	2	4	1st	9th	25	5-1 v SGCross	0-1 v Melita	7-0 v St George	1-3 v Blacktown 1-3 v SM Hellas	73.06%
SOUTH MELBOURNE	2nd	10	3	0	25 (1.92)	9 (0.69)	+16	23	5	3	5	17 (1.31)	14 (1.08)	+4	13	26	15	6	5	42 (1.62)	23 (0.88)	+19	36	4	10	1	2	1st	5th	26	4-0 v S.Croatia	0-0 v Woll'g	4-1 v St George 4-1 v Ad Hellas	0-3 v Ad City	69.23%
MELBOURNE CROATIA	3rd	7	3	3	18 (1.36)	12 (0.92)	+6	17	7	4	2	31 (2.38)	14 (1.08)	+17	18	26	14	7	5	49 (1.88)	26 (1.00)	+23	35	4	9	3	3	1st	8th	19	3-0 v Woll'g	0-3 v S.Croatia	5-1 v SGCross 5-1 v Blacktown	1-2 v S.Melb 1-2 v Apia	67.31%
ADELAIDE CITY	4th	8	4	1	25 (1.92)	8 (0.62)	+17	20	5	4	4	14 (1.08)	15 (1.15)	m1	14	26	13	8	5	39 (1.50)	23 (0.88)	+16	34	3	9	2	3	2nd	9th	20	4-1 v SGCross	1-2 v Apia	2-0 v Woll'g	0-3 v Preston	65.36%
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5th	8	4	1	20 (1.54)	9 (0.69)	+11	20	4	3	6	20 (1.54)	16 (1.23)	+4	11	26	12	7	7	40 (1.54)	25 (0.96)	+15	31	6	7	2	4	1st	11th	13	3-0 v SGCross	0-1 v Ad City	5-1 v Melita	1-2 v M.Croatia 1-2 v S.Melb 1-2 v Preston	59.62%
APIA	6th	6	5	2	20 (1.54)	11 (0.85)	+9	17	5	4	4	16 (1.23)	14 (1.08)	+2	14	26	11	9	6	36 (1.38)	25 (0.96)	+11	31	3	11	2	6	1st	7th	20	5-1 v Blacktown	1-2 v Marconi 1-2 v Woll'g	4-2 v Blacktown	0-1 v M.Croatia	59.62%
SYDNEY CROATIA	7th	4	5	4	21 (1.62)	17 (1.31)	+4	13	6	1	6	19 (1.41)	22 (1.61)	m3	13	26	10	6	10	40 (1.54)	39 (1.50)	+1	26	2	8	2	4	7th	14th	0	4-0 v Woll'g	0-2 v Ad Hellas	3-0 v M.Croatia	0-4 v S.Melb	50.00%
MELITA EAGLES	8th	7	0	6	19 (1.41)	17 (1.31)	+2	14	3	6	4	12 (0.92)	14 (1.08)	m2	12	26	10	6	10	31 (1.19)	31 (1.19)	even	26	3	6	3	5	7th	14th	0	3-1 v S.Croatia	1-5 v S.Olympic	2-0 v Blacktown	0-2 v S.Olympic	50.00%
PRESTON	9th	8	2	3	23 (1.77)	13 (1.00)	+10	18	1	3	9	10 (0.77)	22 (1.69)	m12	5	26	9	5	12	33 (1.27)	35 (1.35)	m2	23	3	4	3	4	6th	11th	0	4-0 v SGCross	0-2 v S.Melb	3-0 v Blacktown	0-3 v SGCross	44.23%
ST GEORGE	10th	4	4	5	14 (1.08)	22 (1.69)	m8	12	3	3	7	21 (1.62)	22 (1.69)	m1	9	26	7	7	12	35 (1.35)	44 (1.69)	m9	21	2	3	3	6	4th	12th	1	4-0 v Ad.Hellas	0-7 v Marconi	6-0 v Woll'g	0-2 v S.Olympic 0-2 v S.Melb	40.38%
WOLLONGONG	11th	5	2	6	22 (1.69)	25 (1.92)	m3	12	3	2	8	8 (0.62)	23 (1.77)	m15	8	26	8	4	14	30 (1.15)	48 (1.85)	m16	20	2	3	4	6	5th	13th	1	7-0 v Ad.Hellas	0-6 v St George	3-1 v St George	0-4 v S.Croatia	36.46%
SUNSHINE GEO.CROSS	12th	5	3	5	17 (1.31)	17 (1.31)	even	13	1	2	10	7 (0.54)	32 (2.46)	m25	4	26	6	5	15	24 (0.92)	49 (1.88)	m25	17	2	3	5	7	1st	12th	4	3-0 v Preston	1-5 v M.Croatia	2-0 v Melita	0-4 v Preston 0-4 v Woll'g	32.69%
ADELAIDE HELLAS	13th	4	2	7	15 (1.15)	24 (1.85)	m9	10	1	2	10	6 (0.46)	30 (2.31)	m24	4	26	5	4	17	21 (0.81)	54 (2.08)	m33	14	2	2	5	7	12th	14th	0	4-1 v Woll'g	0-4 v S.Olympic	2-0 v S.Croatia	0-3 v Preston	26.92%
BLACKTOWN	14th	3	2	8	17 (1.31)	27 (2.08)	m10	8	1	2	10	13 (1.00)	28 (2.15)	m15	4	26	4	4	8	30 (1.15)	55 (2.12)	m25	12	1	2	5	11	2nd	14th	1	3-0 v SGCross	1-5 v M.Croatia	3-0 v Ad Hellas	1-5 v Apia	23.06%



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Games galore for fans

QUEENSLAND Soccer fans certainly won't be able to complain about a lack of games to watch over the coming month.

In addition to the 100 washed out fixtures QSF secretary Jim Gilbert is looking to reschedule, dates have been set for the remaining intercity games, the Ampol Cup quarter-finals began last weekend and a near-record field begins the Qantas Cup over the next fortnight.

The QSF has made a bold move — but one which is set to hand-somely pay off — in awarding an inter-city game to Goodna tonight (Wednesday, July 4).

The move is compensation for Goodna having felt left out of the intercity series when its players suffered from confusion over their eligibility.

Goodna Soccer Club is in the Ipswich greater metropolitan area, but was wrongly regarded in original team selections as being part of Brisbane.

Ipswich coach Gordon Arrowsmith last week watched the

Goodna players and has included Rod Meuser and Brent Reid in his squad for the game against Gold Coast tonight and the clash with Brisbane next week.

The Gold Coast game at Kippen Park is set to be a huge success thanks to the promotional efforts of Goodna officials.

A big programme is planned, including a curtain-raiser between the state under 16 and Taringa.

The club also has organised a giant XXXX marquee for spectators.

The remaining intercity games — the ties between Brisbane and Ipswich and Gold Coast and Toowoomba — will be played as a double-header at Perry Park on Wednesday, July 18.

Ampol Cup quarter-finals last weekend included a Perry Park double-header between Mount Gravatt and North Star and Lions and Pine Rivers.

The other two quarters — Easts v Acacia Ridge and Olympic Utd v Brisbane City — will be played at Perry Park next Wednesday (July 11).

The Qantas Cup, the

knock-out competition for lower division sides, has attracted a near-record 74 teams.

Cup holders University Division Three, who beat Brighton Division Five 4-1 in last year's final, will open their campaign this year with a tricky tie against Inala City Division Five.

Uni have struggled to find form this year, languishing near the bottom of the table, but Inala are not much better performed in the lower division and the students should get off to a winning start in their bid to salvage something from the season.

Brighton will begin their bid to go one better this year when they open their cup campaign against Kenmore.

Brighton are in the top half of their table and should be evenly matched against the well-performed reserve side from one division above.

Division Three leaders Annerley, technically the highest placed Brisbane first team side eligible to play in the cup, will open their campaign with a tough tie against fellow division three pacesetters Souths United.

The darkhorses in this year's cup are again expected to be the "country teams". Six teams from both the Gold and Sunshine Coasts are entered.

Peter Dwyer's Musgrave Hill, who have an easy opener against University Division Seven, Broadbeach United and Noosa could be teams to watch.

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XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	13	11	1	1	31	8	34
Bris City	14	9	2	3	36	18	29
North Star	13	6	6	1	37	21	24
Taringa Rov	13	6	5	2	17	13	23
Pine Rivers	11	7	0	4	28	24	21
Rosedale Rov	14	5	4	5	18	27	19
Eastern Subs	13	4	4	5	18	19	16
Acacia Ridge	13	4	0	9	23	33	12
Coaststars	12	3	1	8	13	23	10
Grange Thir	12	2	4	6	14	27	10
Olympic Utd	13	3	1	9	13	31	10
Mt Gravatt	13	3	0	10	15	25	9

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nerang	13	10	2	1	30	10	32
Bris Croalra	14	9	2	3	28	13	29
St Albans	15	7	3	5	23	22	24
Inala City	13	6	5	2	31	17	23
Wynnum	14	5	6	3	21	18	21
St Helens	14	6	2	6	20	18	20
The Gap	13	5	4	4	12	11	19
Newmarket	14	6	1	7	25	26	19
Goodna	14	5	3	6	15	20	18
Willowburn	13	4	1	8	21	21	13
Michellton	14	2	2	10	11	29	8
Redlands	13	0	3	10	8	40	3

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Annerley	13	8	3	2	30	13	27
Souths Utd	13	6	4	3	23	14	22
Slacks Cl	12	6	3	3	24	11	21
Kingsridge	12	6	2	4	27	18	20
J/valley	12	6	2	4	22	19	20
Darra Utd	13	5	4	4	28	25	19
Redcliffe	12	5	3	4	14	15	18
Lutwyche	13	5	3	5	19	24	18
Beenleigh	11	5	2	4	18	20	17
Brothers	10	3	0	7	7	24	9
Uni of Qld	13	1	4	8	13	27	7
Osley	12	4	2	6	11	28	5



Matt Carson — one of many Queensland coaches already sacked this season.

Tharenou sacked

THE increased threat of relegation in this year's XXXX League has cost another coach his job.

Olympic United Con Tharenou has been sacked after his team slumped to the bottom of the table. He has been replaced by the well-travelled Tony Lowndes.

Two teams will be relegated from the XXXX League this year, double that of the past six years, and the added pressure has been reflected by a high coaching turnover.

Tharenou became the fourth coaching casualty in a season which has just passed halfway.

Alan Jones was sacked at Rosedale, Matt Carson stepped down at Grange Thistle and Mark Brusasco relinquished the coaching part of his player-coach role at Coalstars.

His replacement, Phil Caldwell, was subsequently forced to step down a fortnight later because of health reasons.

Although disappointed with his sacking, as a longtime Olympic United club member, Tharenou was not completely surprised. He will still maintain an involvement in the club.

"I won't just walk away I'll still be there at games to cheer the boys on," he said.

Lowndes, whose previous clubs include Brisbane City, Mitchelton, Wynnum and North Brisbane, wasted little time in shaking up Olympic United.

He stripped the captaincy from longtime Olympic United golden boy Mick Cerneka and gave the reins to new signing Cheetha Vosuga.

Cerneka asked for a transfer but later withdrew the request.

In their first games under Lowndes — on a double header weekend — Olympic were beaten just 1-0 by Easts then outplayed Coalstar for a 3-0 win which lifted them off the bottom of the table.

But Lowndes has no illusions it will be hard work to the end of the season to escape relegation.

"The thing in our favour in that the bottom of the table is so tightly packed that we only need to win a few on the trot to have a bit of breathing space," he said.

Brisbane seeks Regional Games

BRISBANE is to host the Asian Pacific Games during September-October 1991.

The organisers have been looking at single event sports, such as athletics, boxing, and swimming.

Team sports such as soccer up to this point were not considered, because of costs.

This may change because the organising committee are re-looking at sports which would create television viewer interest in countries such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and other nations in the Pacific

region. As we know, soccer would out-rate any other sport shown on television in the Pacific area.

It's not too late for the ASF to negotiate with the committee arranging the Asian Pacific Games.

This competition would be great for the Socceroos because all the Pacific countries are within Australian World Cup zones.

For Brisbane to host the event would put soccer on the map in Queensland.

Lions ready for QNSL play-offs

BRISBANE Lions have declared themselves certain starters for this year's QNSL promotion play-offs, despite losing their unbeaten Queensland XXXX League record last week.

Lions were shock 2-1 losers to Pine Rivers last week, but are still five points clear leaders and hot favourites to win the premiership and the right to represent Queensland in the play-offs.

Although the Richlands club had their fingers burned in a disastrous NSL return campaign two years ago, secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said the club felt it had a commitment to its players to bid for promotion again.

"If our players are good enough to win the XXXX League premiership, then they deserve a crack at NSL promotion," he said.

Lions were pipped by North Star for the premiership last season, but Stars declined the chance to contest the play-offs, largely for financial reasons.

Oudendyk conceded that the decision to move towards NSL again was prompted by fears the club could lose many of its stars if it was seen to be content with XXXX League football.

"We are well aware that a number of our players have been approached by southern NSL sides," he said.

said. "And unless we can offer them a chance of NSL, the players can't be blamed for considering a move."

"It would have been unfair to sit on the fence and keep everyone waiting until the end of the season."

Lions' local rivals Brisbane City also have declared their intention to contest the play-offs, but face an enormous task to win the premiership after several indifferent performances recently, including a 4-0 defeat against relegation-threatened Coalstars.

The move by the two clubs to push for NSL inclusion appears to have gained the jump on the Queensland Soccer Federation's floundering plans to get a combined team into the summer competition.

The advantage Lions and City have over the QSF is that an avenue exists for their promotion. The QSF would need the promotion rules changed to gain entry this year.

The Bradley Report has called for the inclusion of two teams from Queensland, preferably one from Brisbane and another from the Gold Coast. But those changes will not be implemented until 1992.

By then Lions or City could be an established NSL outfit again and have the majority of good players tied up on long-term contracts.

QSF TO GET TOUGH ON UNRULY COACHES

THE Queensland Soccer Federation could introduce tough new discipline rules for coaches following a spate of incidents over the past month.

QSF secretary Jim Gilbert said need for realistic deterrents for outspoken coaches was becoming a real alternative.

Brisbane City coach Juan Cutillas and Lions reserves coach John Sime were both fined \$500 while Taringa's Glenn Davis also appeared before the QSF management committee, but was cleared of accusation contained in a referees' report.

Cutillas and Sime were found guilty of abusing referees. Their fine was \$250 with a \$250 suspended fine.

While few witnessed the Sime episode, having occurred at a XXXX reserves game, Cutillas' clash with the referee was just minutes into a mid-week clash between Brisbane City and Pine Rivers.

Cutillas was walking to the bench when one of his City players was wildly tackled seconds after the kick off. He protested loudly to the referee and eventually was ordered behind the fence before even reaching the bench.

Gilbert said the QSF

was now looking at the methods used in other codes to ensure coaches did not bring the game into disrepute.

"Referees are fed up with coping abuse and are putting in reports when it occurs," Gilbert said. "The QSF has an obligation to the referees and the code to ensure those reports are seen to be acted upon."

"But the time is nearing when strict rules will have to be introduced to ensure coaches act in a responsible manner."

Coaches argue that any measures introduced to maintain a high standard of conduct should be mirrored by new rules for referees.

Davis was particularly angered that referees are not made accountable for the contents of their report.

"I was completely exonerated so why wasn't the referee asked to explain on what grounds he included certain aspects of his report?" he said.

"If coaches are to be answerable for their actions, then so too must referees."

NSL RETAINED LIST/OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST

ADELAIDE CITY

RETAINED LIST

Joseph Barbaro	Mano Caruso
Michael Brooks	David Innocente
Joseph Fabrizio	Stephen Maxwell
Neville Flounders	Denis Martinello
Sergio Melta	Carlo Taladira
Joseph Mullen	Anthony Vidmar
Brian Northcote	David Mower
Bogdan Nyskohus	Mark Stevens
Jose Posant	Steve Nisic
Adrian Santrac	Milan Ivanovic
Paul Shillabeer	Carl Veart
Alexander Tobin	Robert Zabica
Charlie Villani	Paul Pezos
Robert Cox	

APIA LEICHHARDT

RETAINED LIST

Rodney Brown	Graham Jennings
Mark Brown	Peter Murray
Milan Bagojevic	Frank Mikuletic
Alex Bundalo	Klaus Okon
Shane Clinch	Maurice Reyes
Brian Ellem	Darren Stewart
Bruce Haliday	Jason Van Blerk
Brett Hughes	Jeremy Pettenon
Sandy Stenardo	Salvatore Butera
Matthew Dihn	Hassan Kdoub
Robert Gatto	Louis Granata
Mohammed Reda	Aldo Marlinich
Anthony Franze	Anthony Pisano
Simon Beaulis	

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST	D.O.B.	FEE
Tony Pezzano	23 10 63	\$10,000
John Gonsky	29 03 71	FREE

MARCONI

RETAINED LIST

Steven Anderson	Robert Catlin
Vince Colaglin	Frederick de Jong
J.P. de Marigny	Gerardo Gomez
Ian Gray	Peter Katholos
David Lowe	Tommy McCulloch
John Nastevski	Paul Okon
Gary van Eijland	Robert Wheatley
Anthony Suter	Mark Schwarzer
Gabriel Mendez	Andrew Charwood
John Suter	Jason Mammone
Alan Suter	John Bowles
Thiel Loran	Joe Rizzotto
Phet Loran	Carlos Vanegas
Mark Dalzell	Paul Cortes
Anthony Messina	Brett Budwee
Stephen Suran	Edward Cune
Giuseppe Russo	Anthony Budini
Bruce James	Renato Latta
Kerry Aquas	Charlie Enco
Domenico Barbare	Tommy Barbaro
	Stefano Labozzetta

PROVISIONAL CONTRACT PLAYERS — RETAINED

John Cam	Nathan Harris
Gabriel Mendez	

MELBOURNE CROATIA

RETAINED LIST

David Mier	Alan Davidson
Andrew Marth	Theo Seimidis
George Hannah	Paul Donnelly
Mark Talaric	Ivan Duzel
Branko Milosevic	Josip Biskic
Joe Caleta	Ivan Kelic
John Markovski	Steve Horvat
Paul Jurcic	Joe Rados
Francis Awaritefe	Zeljko Adzic
Hussein Skenderovic	Mario Tarle
Denis Bergam	Dino Miodic
Marko Silic	Josip Bacak
Stipe Jerbic	Stanko Marusic

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST	D.O.B.	FEE
John Botica	11 10 72	\$500 neg
Klaudijo Cern	08 11 70	\$500 neg
Robert Ivanovic	03 06 72	\$500 neg
Tom Lovric	09 09 71	\$500 neg
Richard Milanovic	22 04 71	\$500 neg
George Tadic	10 07 71	\$500 neg
Marko Varvodic	03 09 70	\$500 neg

MELITA EAGLES

RETAINED LIST

Alfredo Barras	Gregory Brown
Andrew Callanan	Gustavo Cerro
Mathew Curmi	Aytek Genc
Hugo Gimenez	Washington Gortales
Craig Mason	Alex McPherson
Scott O'Donnell	Marshall Soper
Alejandro Aravena	Alvaro Cabral
Lawrence Hall	Mate Novokmet
Greg Pell	Leo Pintos
Scott Preston	Carlos Tapia
Jason Cacha	Tony Perinich
Jason Falzon	Sergio Batista

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST	D.O.B.	FEE
Gregory Dickinson	20 05 71	\$20,000
Jamal Mearbani	20 03 63	\$10,000
Anthony Parson	18 03 68	\$12,000
Paul Rago	08 04 71	\$5,000
Leonardo Vial	05 06 65	\$20,000
Craig Williams	06 06 66	\$20,000
Mathew Richardson	25 01 71	\$3,000
Glenn Court	10 12 69	\$3,000
Ean Rodrigues	03 11 63	\$15,000
Wayne Farnsworth	01 04 65	\$7,500

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

RETAINED LIST

Oscar Crino	Michael Angelovski
Michael Cassar	Elvis Dimitrevski
Philip Traianedes	Ian Roodhouse
George Petrov	George Jolevski
Steve Jackson	Robert Momirovski
Robert Spasevski	Lon Risteovski
Warren Spink	Robert Runje
Joe Markovac	Louis Bekars
Robert Markovac	Andrew Zinn
Zoran Tasevski	Iljas Petropovics
Vitalie Ferrante	Kire Simonovski
Chris Temelkovski	Zdravko Trajkovski
Robert Petrovski	Michael Metaxas

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST

	D.O.B.	FEE
Michael McLennan	13 04 67	\$6,000
Robert Butrakoski	31 12 70	\$2,000
Bill Piculovski	28 08 66	\$12,000
John Metaxas	24 02 66	\$6,000
Chris Emsovsk	26 12 71	\$2,000
Toni Lingurovski	02 12 69	\$2,000
Lube Ogdenovski	26 02 70	\$1,500
Gary Rappos	11 09 70	\$1,000
Tony Zlatenovski	22 12 71	\$1,000



JOHN FILAN

ST GEORGE

RETAINED LIST

Adam Poric	John Kakakios
Matthew Bingley	Jim Morakeas
Craig McGregor	Richard Collier
Blago Milicevic	Elias Augerinos
Zoki Adioski	Shane Jarvis
Shaun Freestone	Vince Savoca
Adam Ciantar	Daryl Zederman
Steve Hickman	Eddie Haragi
Tony Krslovic	Osvaldo El Ali
Vladan Jeremic	

PROVISIONAL CONTRACT PLAYERS — RETAINED

Peter Tsekenis	Ton Balazs
Dominik Usalj	Chris Miljak
Mano Jerman	Andrew Dowling
Cristian Bernos	Fabio Maccolino
Derek Nofke	Toni Josovski
Jovan Okorovski	Steven Rezo
Erwin Jakubovski	

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST

	D.O.B.	FEE
Andrew Harper	13 05 67	\$20,000
John Filan	08 02 70	\$50,000
Zoran Lic	01 09 69	\$30,000
Mike Gibson	01 03 63	\$20,000
Craig Moffitt	13 07 67	\$35,000
David Green	04 05 63	\$20,000
Andrew Koczka	09 09 65	\$60,000
Michael O'Shea	22 05 60	\$20,000
Alex Lampropoulos	04 02 66	\$12,000
Peter Pelkovski	25 09 66	\$15,000
Emanuel Spanidakis	12 06 67	\$6,000
David Aranyi	02 01 69	\$5,000
Mario Sala	11 06 71	\$3,000

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

RETAINED LIST

Bruce McLaren	Angie Postaconglu
Paul Wade	Paul Timboli
Danny Wright	Peter Tsolakis
Kimon Taliadoros	Steve Blair
Steve Tasios	Harris Michail
Paul Fernandes	David Healy
Joe Palatsides	Mehmed Durakovic
M. Michalakopoulos	Con Boutsanits
Mike Petersen	Michael Lilikakis
Dean Fak	Chris Athanasakos
Peter Chiotellis	Goran Dimoski
Timothy Damianos	Steve Eleftherios
John Gomez	Jim Ganiis
Peter Haloulos	Peter Kyrylis
Spiros Karnezis	Andreas Koutsaplis
Keiran Lennon	Chris Lemenadis
Norman Mancuso	Megas Lazaros
Peter Nikolakopoulos	Michele Perri
Paul Polyzoudis	Con Rodas
Nicholas Radecki	Tony Samaras
John Stamoulis	Peter Tzikakis
Minas Teronakis	Peter Tragakis
Peter Tzamouranis	Steve Tsiftelidis
Michael Valkanis	Angie Karageorgiou

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

RETAINED LIST

George Aevizos	Wayne Attard
Gus Bregante	Paul Brncat
David Clarkson	Chris Caruana
Mitchell Caltermole	Jim Dimovski
Luciano Fabrizio	Paul Foster
Craig Foster	Jason Farrugia
Gary Hasler	Sean Keogh
Chris Ketsakidis	Lorenz Kindtner
Osman Latif	Kevin Muscat
Jamie Melrose	Sasha Petrevsk
Alan Roodhouse	Lupco Stefanovsk
George Svigos	Rennie Schembri
Alex Sultana	Agim Shentovski
Ernest Tapai	Darren Traynor
John Waddell	Athan Zacharias
Frank Tala	

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST

	D.O.B.	FEE
John Campbell	28 01 65	\$20,000 neg
Shaun Parton	07 09 61	\$10,000
Robert Talevski	18 03 71	\$2,000

SYDNEY CROATIA

RETAINED LIST

Mark Babic	Tony Franken
Andrew French	Steven Gojevic
Michael Grbevsk	Alan Hunter
Zeljko Jurn	Zeljko Kalac
Vesimir Kupresak	Manis Lamond
Ivan Petkovic	Tony Popovic
Pedro Ricoy	Walter Savor
Nedjeljko Zelic	Peter Bazdanic
Bobb Basic	Tony Bokovski
Eddy Alkovic	Gabriel Gonzales
Ivan Elek	Mark Moric
Tomislav Milicevic	John Peros
Eddie Pervan	Tommy Prusac
John Rancic	Danko Stipic
Ante Topic	Ivan Topic
Peter Vrlc	Matthew Zec
Ante Zicic	

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST

	D.O.B.	FEE
Mark Jones	05 06 66	\$55,000
Graham Arnold	03 08 63	\$70,000
David Sea	26 01 72	\$55,000
Ante Ramora	04 07 60	\$22,000
Sean Ingham	30 08 65	\$15,000
John Kramovic	16 08 65	\$6,000
Burim Zajmi	09 03 60	\$2,000

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

RETAINED LIST

Alex Araujo	David Barrett
Alistar Edwards	Cym Gosling
Kevin Hagan	Robbie Hooker
Eric Hristodoulov	Robert Ironside
Grant Lee	Gary Meier
Gary Phillips	Scott Olierenshaw
Nick Patsaniotis	Steve Refenes
Abbas Saad	Craig Sharpley
Louis Tryantafyllou	Tony Spindakos

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST

	D.O.B.	FEE
Jason Oldridge	30 06 70	\$5,000
Andrew Bernal	16 05 66	\$35,000
Jason Bennett	19 09 69	\$7,000
Steve Georgaklis	25 08 70	\$30,000**
John Koch	26 06 68	\$15,000
Tom Pontidas	03 02 68	\$10,000
Marko Pernovic	15 09 64	\$25,000
Peter Raskopoulos	22 02 62	\$20,000
George Sorras	11 04 72	\$10,000

* Further fee applies if sold overseas

WOLLONGONG CITY

RETAINED LIST

Paul Anger	Jeff Allport
Mick Alsas	Stephen Baggott
Vasco Bosevski	Matthew Borg
George Bouhoutsos	Patrick Brodnik
Dino D'Amico	John Danzo
Sasha Dimoski	Terence Dowd
Bra Elmir	Darry Gillespie
Paul Gust	Robert Graskoski
Glenn Gilchrist	Tony Gruvsk
Jason Higgs	Stephen Krishna
Richard Lloyd	Declan McEvoy
Blake Montgomery	Angelo Piacentini
Paul Piacentini	Paul Robaard
John Simonovski	Sean Scott
Jim Sbrinovski	Danny Vasquez
David Ratcliffe	

OPEN TO TRANSFER LIST

	D.O.B.	FEE
Jeff Ainsworth	13 07 62	\$6,000
Mineo Bonetig	20 02 70	\$10,000
John Brown	25 05 68	\$1,000
Bryan Cokely	26 11 63	\$10,000
Robert D'Amico	15 12 70	\$2,000
Scott Dickson	27 05 64	\$10,000
Danny Craine	24 05 62	\$25,000
Randell Easthorpe	09 08 66	\$15,000
Kristen Golding	05 07 72	\$1,000
John Harrison	09 10 71	\$2,000
Zivko Hrstovski	31 01 65	\$15,000
Peter Kotamandis	23 03 70	\$15,000
Michael Lardis	09 07 69	\$2,000
Peter Marjanovic	11 10 63	\$2,000
Giacomo Morando	05 08 61	\$20,000
Danny Petkovic	27 10 71	\$10,000
David Skeen	13 01 62	\$20,000
Rade Stevanovski	01 09 58	\$6,000
Goran Trajceviski	17 09 69	\$5,000
Tony Sekijovski	18 08 72	\$1,000
Richard Vida	26 12 71	\$2,000
Raymond Viletstra	11 02 64	\$20,000
Jim Mangos	14 03 74	\$1,000
Goran Dimoski	30 07 73	\$1,000

SBS-TV WORLD CUP PROGRAMME



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Italian goalscoring ace Salvatore Schillaci (dark shirt) has been one of the revelations of the Italia '90 World Cup. He was jointly on second place on the scoring table at the end of the quarter-final round.



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West Germany

3RD/4TH PLAY-OFF

SUNDAY, JULY 8

3.30AM

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Argentina v Italy

VS

Loser

England v West Germany

WORLD CUP FINAL



MONDAY, JULY 9

3.30AM



WINNER

ARGENTINA

VERSUS

ITALY

versus

WINNER

ENGLAND

VERSUS

WEST GERMANY

Replays — 6.30am and 7pm

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PETER WILSON HONOURED



An action shot of former Australian captain Peter Wilson coming in behind another great favourite — left-back Col Curran.

Former Soccerroo captain Peter Wilson has been inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame. The 1974 World Cup captain in West Germany more than deserves the honour. He played 63 full internationals for Australia, and another 51 against other sides. He is the most capped Australian player ever. Also inducted was famed cricketer, Ian Chappell.

David Batten, who represented NSW against tourists Torpedo Moscow in January, is keen to get fixed up at a good club in the state. The good news is that he is a free agent. He has played for Wollongong City, Blacktown City and St George at NSL level and with Sydney Croatia reserves. In four NSL games last season he collected a goal a game. He can be contacted on 02 869 8483.

Assistant national coach Les Scheinflug is more than happy with the potential of the Soccerroo Youth squad that leaves next Monday for its Asian tour to Singapore, Asia and Indonesia in preparation for its 1991 World Youth Cup campaign. "The players are confident and skilled," he said, "but there is plenty of preparatory work to be done yet." The team has to take first or second place at the Oceania qualifiers in Fiji in September, and then win out against the other Oceania qualifier and Israel next February in Israel. The prize is a place in the finals, to be held in Portugal in February 1991.

Jim Patikas, the heart of Sydney Croatia's midfield before he went to the big time in Greece, has been enjoying a holiday back home in Sydney. These days he is a superstar striker with AEK Athens, winners of last season's League Cup and Super Cup as well as runners up to champions Panathinaikos in the league. Patikas finished the season with 15 goals, but won't get the chance to

was on its recent Australian tour.

Former Soccerroo defender Alan Hunter will be away on the Croatia tour. These days he is a sales representative for Albion Steel, located at St Marys in Sydney's outer west.

Australia's World Cup referee Richard Lorenc would have been entitled to wonder how he missed out on a centre job, after he saw the "standard" of a few of the referees who were rewarded with control of matches in Italy. Lorenc did lines for Austria v Czechoslovakia, Austria v USA, Irish Republic v Egypt and Holland v Republic of Ireland in the first round. Lorenc, the 38 year old school-teacher turned courier, was quoted as saying he had had "marvellous experiences on the line." In ASW's estimation politics so often decide who will control the matches.

Pacific — Umbro Soccer Camps are doing a roaring trade in the current NSW school holidays in Sydney. Camp director Richard Alagich and manager Fred Wall are ex-

manner, done wonders for the administration of the Australian Soccer Federation's affairs. Many people wondered why former official Brian Emery, who is no longer involved in the game, gained a FIFA appointment in Italy.

Brazilian coach Marcos Boccato, who was an outsider who applied for the Soccerroo job from his then posting in Japan, has returned to his homeland. He is now on the staff of Sao Paulo FC.

Hobart correspondent Walter Pless points out that his fellow Tasmanian soccer supporters gather up every crumb they can on the doings of players who were brought up in the Apple Isle. We can report that David Clarkson and Luciano Fabrizio have been retained by Sunshine George Cross. Two former Tasmanians who have become well known are Dominic Longo and Kurt Reynolds, both former Australian Youth team captains.

Believe it — or not!

I write to you to add some humour to your great publication and list some unlikely occurrences.

1. Sunshine leaving their own half four times, including half time and full time
2. Hearing Gary Phillips say 'You're right ref, I made a mistake'.
3. A travelling Apia supporter.
4. Melbourne Croatia signing a real goalkeeper
5. Francis Awaritefe's hairdresser owning up.
6. Tony Dorigo being chosen Australia's Player of the Year.
7. Zoran Ilic out-jumping anyone to head a goal.
8. Paul Trimboli failing to put his hands on his hips or through his hair when he misses another sitter
9. Being on the correct end of a penalty decision against Olympic.
10. Any Preston player winning a Personality of the Month Award

And finally, the most ridiculous — Sydney Croatia fans booing their team for scraping to a draw. What do you mean it's true? Oh well, it just goes to show anything's possible. Andrew McKerran, Woronora

SA has agreed in principle with the thrust of the Bradley Report in the revamp of Australian soccer.

State chiefs met with the counterparts from NSW and Victoria last week and SA later said, in general, it was in favor of the Report's recommendations.

SA clubs were to have a seminar on Sunday to discuss State issues in the game but it was deferred because several 'key people' were unable to attend.

BIRKALLA Eagles coach Neil McGachey has received a job promotion through he Sa Sport Institute and may have to curtail his soccer activities next year.

McGachey at present is on a study trip to Europe.

The ACT Ampol Cup top four series will be held on consecutive Sundays, September 16 and 23 in Canberra with Hawker Oval being the venue for the final. Final four series for all other divisions will be held over the same weekends.

Sunshine George Cross has transfer-listed two of its stars and might be set to lose a third as the club steers its way through a mid-year crisis. Skipper and central defender Shaun Parton and long-serving former Weinstein Medal winner John Campbell have both been listed because the club is not prepared to meet the wage demands of the pair. Goalkeeper Sean Keogh, the target of several other NSL clubs in recent years, also hasn't been contracted for the new season which starts with Victorian Cup matches in September.

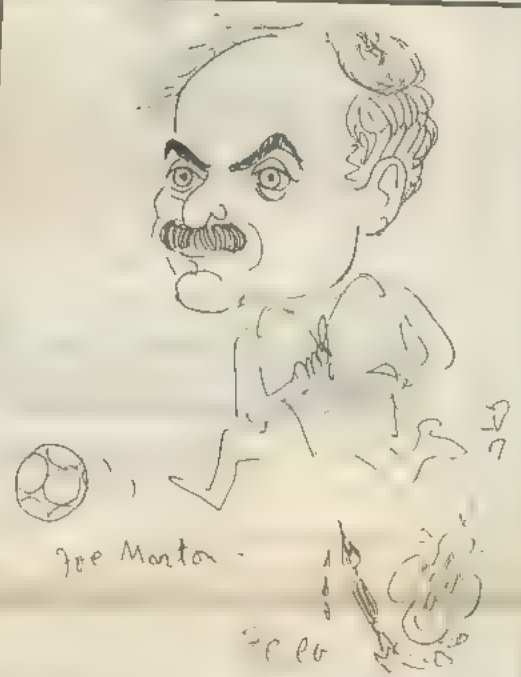
For the first time in its 20 edition history the prestigious Rothmans Football Yearbook has

recorded an NSL ladder. The 1989/90 edition of the yearbook carries the final NSL ladder from the 1988 season when Wollongong took the minor premiership and Marconi went on to win the grand final from 5th place. The final ladder lost little in the translation although 'Wollongong' became 'Woolongong' and 'Sunshine George Cross' simply 'Sunshine George'.

Interesting to note that Niall Quinn, one of Ireland's recent World Cup heroes, came within an ace of playing Aussie rules in Melbourne a few years back. Quinn was one of a number of Gaelic footballers

offered a trial in Victoria back in the early 1980s but declined the move to take up a football contract with English club Arsenal.

Undeclared Canberra Croatia has a one point lead over St George and Rockdale at the head of the NSW State League table. Although Sydney is eighth and well placed it would create a furor if the Saints won the league and promotion. What would happen with the National Soccer League, with the Saints already represented?



Sydney Soccer expert Joe Marton — see caricature — has completed a detailed season's appraisal of the NSL best players, under 23 players, Most Valuable Player, and Coach and Referee of the Year. Seen through the eyes of the NSL coaches, Marton comes up with some startling conclusions. Decisions are taken to the end of the season — the grand final — and we believe the NSL should do the same in future. It certainly puts a new perspective on affairs. We have had to hold this thought provoking feature over until the World Cup climaxes. For the super keen football follower — don't miss this future ASW feature.



French referee Michel Vautrot holding his award from the International Federation of Football History and Statistics after being voted by magazine pollsters around the world as the best referee for 1989.

tion. In business life he is an executive of the Housing Industry Association in Sydney.

Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina is after at least two overseas players, and will be following up his leads while the combined Sydney/Melbourne Croatia squad is on tour. They leave tomorrow. Vrzina was talking to Hajduk Split midfielder/sweeper Drago Setinov and defender Mili Hadziabdic whilst the club

tremely busy along with a list of top players, ex-National coach Frank Arok and referee Richard Lornec. Late bookings for youngsters can be made to 02 977 2992.

What price ASF general secretary Alan Vessey to be given an appointment as a ground controller at the 1994 World Cup in the United States? Vessey is generally regarded as having, in a quiet and efficient



New Zealand's Wynton Rufer and his Australian wife Lisa proudly display the IFFHS trophy to signify his selection as the 1989 Oceania Footballer of the Year.

FIFA has a Coke

THE Coca-Cola Company has signed an agreement with the Federation Internationale de Football Association to continue its sponsorship of the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup World Youth Championship and the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Football Development Program into the year 2000.

The FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup Championship, played every two years using the former World Cup structure of 16 qualifiers, is the world championship for players under 20 years old.

In 1989, the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup was won by Portugal in Saudi Arabia.

In 1991 the championship will be played in Portugal, and in 1993, the Cup will be contested in Australia.

The FIFA/Coca-Cola World Football Development Program, first sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company in 1976, includes FIFA developed and run seminars and academies in which top FIFA instructors share the latest techniques in administration and organisation, coaching, refereeing and sports medicine.

Instructors come from developed football countries to share combined insight and experience with all of FIFA's member nations all over the world.

"The Coca-Cola Company is honoured to assist FIFA and Dr Havelange to bring the magnificent game of football to so many young people around the world," said Donald R. Keough, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Coca-Cola Company.

"Our friend and partner, The Coca-Cola Company, has adopted our plans as its own and has been at our side for more than 15 years," said Dr Joao Havelange, President of FIFA.

"Its well-known involvement and business interests in almost every country of the world make The Coca-Cola Company the perfect teammate."

Nat U15 at Campbelltown



Vic Dalgleish

THE cream of Australia's youth descend upon Lynwood Park, Campbelltown in Sydney's South West, to pit their skills and talent in action for the 1990 U/15 national titles amidst the welcome of host association Macarthur.

The Macarthur committee and indeed the strong soccer community of the entire Campbelltown area have been busily putting all their efforts and energy into the planning of

the tournament.

Players, officials, supporters and the public at large will find that the facility, Lynwood Park, and the stringent planning will ensure that they are properly catered for.

The players are striving for the chance of being capped with the ultimate prize of an Australian Joeys jersey in the World Cup in 1991.

Australian coach Vic Dalgleish will certainly have his hands full as he is also the coach of this year's NSW contingent.

— DANNY HIMBRECHTS

National Under 16 draw

GROUP A

Victoria, Western Australia, Northern New South Wales, Queensland

GROUP B

New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, ACT.

TUES JULY 10

9:30am Vic v WA
11:15am NSW v SA
1:30pm NSW v Qld
3:15pm Tas v ACT

WED JULY 11

9:30am WA v Qld
11:15am Vic v NSW
1:30pm SA v ACT
3:15pm NSW v Tas

THURS JULY 12

9:30am NSW v ACT
11:15am WA v NSW
1:30pm Vic v Qld

3:15pm SA v Tas
FRI JULY 13
9:30am 3rd Group B v 4th Group A
11:15am 3rd Group A v 4th Group B
1:30pm 1st Group B v 2nd Group A
3:15pm 1st Group A v 2nd Group B
SAT JULY 14
9:30am Loser match 4 v Loser match 3
9:30am Winner match 4 v Winner match 3
11:15am Loser match 2 v Loser match 1
1:00pm Winner match 1 v Winner match 2
At Valentine Park, Parklea.

Cup Stats J.C. Kelly, Wodonga

Your interest in appreciated, but we prefer not to document scores and tables for the elimination games for the 1990 World Cup.

ASW READERS TELL IT AS IT IS

Dual league

In relation to the re-vamping of the NSL and the satisfaction of all sectors of the Soccer Community

Why not have two summer leagues running alongside each other from October to March as follows

1) A completely franchised city league of 10 teams comprising Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Geelong, Hobart, Canberra, Wollongong, Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane, with no promotion or relegation

2) A league comprising of 10 present club teams, with the bottom team being relegated and the winner of a play off between the state champions being promoted

3) Each of the above leagues can have their Top Five play-offs and grand final winners

4) The winner of each league can then play each other in a final to decide the ultimate Australian champion

Number 1 satisfies soccer fans who wish to follow a club with a broader spectator base and also long-term sponsors and Number 2 satisfies those fans and personnel involved with ambitious district/ethnic clubs

V.R. Wake
Everton Hills

WINTER SPORT

AS a soccer player-coach I cannot understand what the Soccer Federation has on their mind

The winter just started and the NSL is finished until October

I reckon the summer competition interferes too much with the winter competition.

Also, I contend that summer soccer is no good. How can a player give 100% in the heat or on a humid night?

I do read your paper every week I am a real soccer supporter

Peter van den Hewel
Duffy
ACT 2611

Bravol

I think we should congratulate South Melbourne Hellas on their fine home record. They were undefeated at home for 25 games (20 at Middle Park, 5 at

NSL system

WHEN the Top Five play-off series began a few years ago, it was clearly stated by those who run the NSL, that the higher placed club after the home and away games will receive the home advantage. This did not occur

Instead, we saw the NSL change the rules to suit themselves

This year's play-offs were no different. Adelaide City and Melbourne Croatia finished above Sydney Olympic, but both games were switched to Sydney

This is blatant discrimination, just like the top NSW State League Club gaining automatic promotion into the NSL, while other clubs need to play-off against each other

The NSL Cup is no exception either

Olympic Park) before losing the NSL semi-final to Sydney Olympic

Their last home defeat before then was on May 21, 1989 when they lost to Adelaide City 1-0

Since then they have won the Dockety Cup at home, won the NSL Cup final also, winning two games at home

Ferenc Puskas had yet to experience a home loss until the defeat to Olympic

I think John Kosmina was right when he said that 98% of the crowd at the Sydney Olympic v Preston game should suffer by having the game behind closed doors because of the other 2% of fighting crowd

They should play the Melbourne game in a country area or the Sydney game in Canberra or interstate

Jamie Kyrtis
Black Rock Vic 3193

Pools tables

I am wondering if you will be providing all of the weekend results from the interstate divisions

You have never previously covered on a regular basis matches from the other states however I am hoping this year you will

If for some reason you are unable to provide a complete cover of all data from these interstate divisions

Two weeks ago, we had the Cup final between Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne Hellas in Melbourne

Why not play the final in both Melbourne and Sydney, giving each club's supporters a chance to see the club in a Cup final, and avoid any discrimination?

Perhaps the NSL doesn't realise that Australia is a large nation in size, and distances between cities are vast

What can we do to resolve these problems?

I believe what we need are people who are fair and impartial, and who can sit down and draw up a set of rules which will not discriminate against certain clubs/cities

Danny Davis
Springvale 3171 Vic.

perhaps you could advise me how I can obtain this information

Patrick Smith
23 Hanen Circuit
Laurieton NSW 2443
(We have begun providing the tables (see page 7) and hope to do so in future thanks to the help of the State Federations. — Ed)

Alternative punishment

The Sydney Olympic — Preston incident should not have happened, however I think the punishments handed down do the code no good whatsoever

The code will always be bigger than any club or section of the community

However, by proposing to play behind closed doors we have done exactly what rugby league, basketball and any other activity aimed at drawing attendances would want

My alternative would be that the two QNSL games next year be played in front of the regular supporters

However, gate receipts should go directly to the league, who can then pay for security even if this involves a fee from the police departments.

The balance of monies could then be spent on preparing, organising, advertising the final five series, the Socceroos: the youth

World Cup or any number of things that benefit soccer

This should be done instead of driving true supporters to another code for two afternoons at least

I feel this idea would have several uses

Players perform in front of a 'real' crowd the money from gate receipts stays in soccer, security is assured the offending clubs are still punished, the real fans get to see their team play, other codes can then worry about their own problems and not be given ammunition against soccer

Barry Hoare

[The NSL Appeals Board subsequently changed the original decision — Ed]



Women's titles

NSW secured its eighth National Junior Women's Soccer Championship in Brisbane this week.

The champions looked confident throughout the competition and were only troubled by eventual runners-up, South Queensland

In the second last game of the tournament, Queensland defeated South Australia 2-0

This result set a challenge to the ACT, who needed to defeat Northern NSW by eight goals in the last game in order to secure the runners-up trophy on goal difference.

Northern NSW were determined not to finish the championship without a win and took revenge for earlier losses by defeating ACT 2-1.

Final points were: NSW 8, South Queensland 5, ACT 3, South Australia 2 and Northern NSW 2.

The National Talent Identification Squad, as announced by junior coach Mick Hoar, will train at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra during October

Members are Susan Read (ACT), Rachel Taylor (NSW), Megan Clayton, Jacqui Madden, Michelle Bruden, Heloise Gibb, Denise Benitis, Elizabeth Cotton, Megan Cotton (NSW), Christina Chico, Kristy Moore, Kristyn Swaffer (SA), Jacqui Page, Kim Revell, Helen Pothercary, Katie Smith, Trena Youngblut, Louise McMurtre (SQld).

AMATEUR CUP

U14: Connells Pt v Wetherall Park 0-4, Syl Hts v Baulkham Hills 5-0, Engadine v Wakehurst 1-2, Gymea v Fairfield 1-2, Penrith RSL v Werrington 0-3, Sans Souci v Dundas Utd 3-0, Menai v Greystanes 0-2, Maroubra v Liverpool Alb 2-3.

U16: Cherrywood v Pendle Hill 2-3, Beverly Hills v Winston Hills 2-1, Miranda v CSI 1-4, Werrington v Auburn Jnr 3-1, Macq. Combined v Springwood 0-2, Mt Druitt Town v Balmain PCYC, Campsie Utd v Earlwood Wand 1-0, Pughla v Padstow Pk 3-1.

U18: Connells Pt v Revesby Lions 1-4, Pendle Hill v Liverpool Alb 1-5, Engadine v Gyms Utd 1-2, George Rivers v Win-

ston Hills 2-1, Kirrawee v Panania RSL B 9-0, Werrington v Lilli Pilli 5-1, Crest v Mt Druitt Town 1-2.

U21: Oatley RSL v Revesby Lion A 3-2, Pendle Hill A v Liverpool Rang 0-1, Engadine Eag v Cronulla S/gulls 3-1, Punchbowl v Collaroy Plat 1-0, Chullora A v Bankstown Spts A 4-5, Sans Souci v Crest 0-2, Amaroo v St Ives 5-2, West Pennant Hills v Granville Kewp 4-2.

AMATEUR CUP: Oatley RSL v Greenacre 1-2, Epping YMCA v Nth Epping Rangers 2-3, Dundas A v Menai 0-2, Parkes Rovers v Engadine A 1-5, East Bankstown v Aringbah Rang 0-1, Epping Eastwood v Umina 0-1, Hornsby RSL v Penhurst West 2-0, Lilli Pilli A v Carlton A 0-1.



MITRE METRO REPS

DIV 1 U11: Sutherland 18, Macarthur 18, Granville 17, St George 18, Canterbury 15, Sthn Branch 11, Illawarra 11, Bankstown 7, Blacktown 6, Southern Districts 5.

U11 DIV 2: Nepean 19, Sthn & Eastern 11, Gladesville 11, Manly 10, Ku-ring-gai 5, Macquarie 4, Central Coast 2.

DIV 1 U12: Canterbury 22, Bankstown 21, St

George 18, Sthn Districts 17, Sutherland 13, Granville 9, Macarthur 9, Illawarra 9, Blacktown 8, Sthn Branch 4.

DIV 2 U12: Sthn & Eastern 13, Nepean 12, Central Coast 11, Gladesville 11, Manly 7, Macarthur 6, Ku-ring-gai 6.

YOUTH LEAGUE YL U13 DIV 1: Blacktown City 39, St George 37, Macarthur 33, Syd Olympic 27, Melita 27, Marconi 21, Sthn Districts 21, Nepean 19, Sutherland 19, Illawarra 15, APIA 11, Syd Croatia 9, Bankstown 6, Canterbury/Marrickville 4.

U14 DIV 1: St George

39, Syd Olympic 31, Marconi 27, Illawarra 27, Melita 26, Macarthur 21, Blacktown City 21, APIA 19, Sydney Croatia 17, Sutherland 16, Sthn Districts 14, Nepean 12,

Bankstown 9, Canterbury 7.

U15 DIV 1: Syd Olympic 31, St George 29, Syd Croatia 28, Marconi 26, APIA 23, Blacktown City 21, Illawarra 21, Melita 20, Macarthur 20, Bankstown 17, Sutherland 16, Nepean 12, Sthn Districts 8, Canterbury/Marrickville 6.

U17 DIV 1: Canterbury 29, Blacktown City 29, APIA 28, Melita 27, Marconi 25, Syd Croatia 24, Sutherland 22, Syd Olympic 21, Sthn Districts 21, St George 21, Macarthur 14, Bankstown 12, Nepean 11, Illawarra 0.

U13 DIV 2: Gladesville 38, Sthn Branch 33, Blacktown 27, Canterbury 26, Sthn & Eastern 24, Granville 23, Manly 22, Ku-ring-gai 21, Central Coast 17, Polonia 16, Rockdale 14, Avala 11, Fairfield City 7, Warring-

ah 2.
U14 DIV 2: Gladesville 34, Werrington 32, Sthn Branch 32, Sthn & Eastern 25, Central Coast 21, Rockdale 21, Avala 20, Blacktown 18, Granville 16, Ku-ring-gai 16, Manly 13, Polonia 11, Canterbury 10, Fairfield City 7.

U15 DIV 2: Rockdale 40, Sthn & Eastern 32, Canterbury 29, Manly 28, Gladesville 24, Central Coast 24, Blacktown 21, Polonia 17, Granville 17, Avala 16, Werrington 11, Ku-ring-gai 10, Fairfield City 6, Sthn Branch 5.

U17 DIV 2: Polonia 35, Rockdale 31, Sthn Branch 31, Manly 30, Werrington 35, Central Coast 24, Sthn & Eastern 19, Canterbury 19, Avala 18, Blacktown 15, Gladesville 15, Granville 9, Ku-ring-gai 6, Fairfield City 1.

Eagles pressurise Juventus

BY WALTER PLESS

WHITE Eagles, the reigning Tasmanian Cadbury State League champion, moved into second place in the standings after defeating Burnie United 6-0 at KGV Soccer Park.

Andrew Leszczynski and Scott Young both scored twice, while Mark and Richard Leszczynski each netted once.

Burnie suffered an early set-back when Scipio Luttmir was injured in a late tackle with Mark Leszczynski after only 11 minutes.

Leszczynski was awarded a free kick, while Luttmir was carried from the field on a stretcher and taken to hospital by ambulance for precautionary X-rays to determine whether the injury was a severely bruised shin or a broken leg.

White Eagle was unimpressive in the first half, with players showing a complete lack of understanding and many passes going astray.

It was only the brilliance of goalkeeper Peter Groenewoud that prevented Eagle from falling behind, his saves against Pat Troughton and Darren Timms being outstanding.

The league champion finally got its act together a minute before the break when Scott Young finished off an excellent attacking move involving Richard Leszczynski, who had had a shot deflected against a post early on, Craig Pitt and Andrew Leszczynski.

Eagle got better and better as the game went on and its second goal, nine minutes into the second half, was a model of economy and efficiency, involving a mere three moves.

Groenewoud's goal-kick found Franco Previdi on the left and he played a magnificent 40-metre pass down the line for Richard Leszczynski to run on to.

Leszczynski, who had cleverly lost his marker with a perfectly timed run into space, beat full-back Andy Denton and got to the goal-line be-



White Eagle midfielder, David Stoddart (left), prepares for the challenge by Burnie United midfielder, Tim Jones (N° 7). (Photo by Kim Eiszle of "The Mercury")

fore cutting the ball back across the penalty area.

Ray Parke failed to cut out the ball, which ran into the path of Andrew Leszczynski, who was untroubled in shooting past the unprotected Mark Overton in the Burnie goal.

Richard Leszczynski made it 3-0 in the 64th minute with a great shot on the turn from 18 metres, while Mark Leszczynski headed home Pitt's corner ten minutes later for Eagle's fourth.

As Burnie's resistance crumbled Andrew Leszczynski stooped to nod Young's cross past Overton for the fifth goal in the 78th minute, and Young completed the scoring seven minutes from the end, converting Bob Nicholson's cross from the goal-line on the left.

Olympia-SBT Bank scored a shock 3-0 win away to Ulverstone. Brett Pullen scoring twice, the remaining goal coming from Ulverstone defender John Compagne, who deflected Roger Munro's shot.

Peter Sherman replaced Richard Simpson for Olympia after his last-minute transfer on loan from Caledonian, and the former Olympia captain had a hand in the second goal.

Fullback Peter Vafakos took a free kick which found Sherman, and his ball to the far post was knocked in by Pullen.

"You can't play for 10 minutes and expect to win a game," is how Ulverstone coach, Alex

McDonald, summed up the Reds' performance.

Two late goals by Kevin Smith, from the penalty spot, and Michael Di Pietro, gave Devonport City a 2-0 win over bottom team Croatia-Glenorchy at Valley Road.

First-half goals by Steve Kannegiesser and Robert Furjanic saw Hobart Juventus down Caledonian 2-0 at KGV Soccer Park in midweek.

The win lifted Juventus to first place, but its victory was soured by Furjanic's dismissal ten minutes from the end.

Calles had lost their best player to a red card earlier, Andrew Joseph being sent off after felling goalkeeper Brett Williams.

DETAILS White Eagles 6 (A Leszczynski 2, Young 2, M. Leszczynski, R. Leszczynski) Burnie United 0, Devonport City 2 (Smith pen, Di Pietro) Croatia-Glenorchy 0, Ulverstone 0 Olympia-SBT Bank 3 (Pullen 2, own goal), Hobart Juventus 2 (Kannegiesser, Furjanic) Caledonian 0.

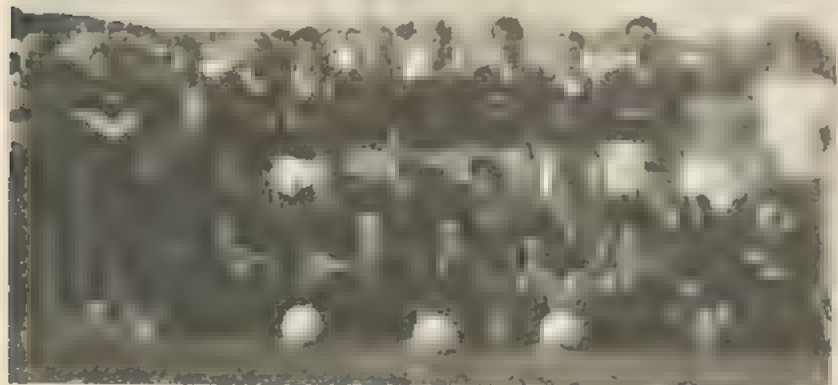
Leading goalscorers 13 R Miles (Launceston Juventus), 10 S Walker (Hobart Juventus), A Howe (Ulverstone), A Leszczynski (White Eagle), 9 S Pace (Hobart Juventus), 7 R Leszczynski (White Eagle).

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hobart Juve	12	6	3	1	32	15	27
White Eagle	12	8	2	2	30	12	26
Launceston Juve	12	7	4	1	28	9	25
Ulverstone	12	8	0	4	23	17	24
Devonport City	13	5	5	3	23	21	20
Olympia-SBT Bank	1	2	5	2	5	24	18
Burnie United	12	2	1	9	15	46	7
Caledonian	12	2	0	10	10	25	6
Croatia Glen	13	0	3	10	10	43	3

CORRECTION

We apologise for listing as Launceston Juventus the squad of Croatia-Glenorchy in the issue of June 13.



Croatia-Glenorchy. (Tasmanian Cadbury State League) — Back row (L-R): Karl Pless (Coach), Zlatko Belanic, Nenad Zajec, Neal Bishop, Stephen Blythe, Robbie Huigsloot, Marijan Begovic, John Heiermann, Dallas Joiner, Chris Barrell, John Reeves, John Bilac. Front row (L-R): Brendan Lakoseljic, Richard Heiermann, Mark Collidge, John Arnold, Tuach Hussein, Sacha Puclin, Ivan Kvesic, Ivan Stefanovic (Manager).

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with Alan Clark

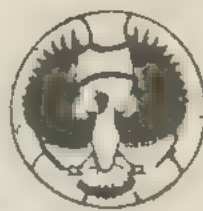
SA players chase award

THE Foundation SA award for the best player in the State League will be presented in a gala evening on Friday, October 5 at the Hyatt Regency Adelaide.

Club captains this season have been asked to nominate best players from opposing teams. Players sent off will be eligible for the prestige prize.

SA Soccer Federation chief Mike Wells is expected to meet with Foundation SA officials next month to iron out the format for the award night.

A proposal for a joint First and Second Division Presentation evening, which would



seem to have merit, is likely to be discussed.

Hellas skipper Alby Kidd last year won the inaugural Foundation Sa award.

Players in the running so far are likely to include: Watkins, Keramidas, Blair, Brazzale (Hellas); Leitner, Weiczorek, Marley (Polonia); Putanec, Miller, Slager, Blazincic (Croatia); Gary, Cole (Azzurri); Harvey, Latham, Acton (Salisbury); Briscoe, Matfacsak, Higgins, Mullen (Birkalla); Donnelly (Beograd); Docherty, Parsons (Modbury); Tadiakia, White, Aloisi (Ad City); A. Christakos, Marangon (Lion); Bridges, Johnson (Cumberland); Koutalis (Port).



ALBY KIDD — winner of last season's prestigious SA players' prize.

The race for the premiership in SA has boiled down to a three-way race among defending champ, on Hellas, Croatia and Polonia.

The run in fixtures for the trio are:

Polonia Adelaide City (a), Lion (h), Modbury (a), Beograd (a), Croatia Salisbury (h), Port (a), Azzurri (h), Cumberland (a), Hellas Lion (a), Modbury (b), Beograd (h), Birkalla (a).

Goalkeeper Matthew Peace, who was at the centre of an unseemly fracas this season, has left Beograd.

He has gone to Campbelltown on loan.

But he will have difficulty in ousting in form teenager Jarrod Thrane from the Second Division pacesetter's line-up.

The Adelaide Scotland Soccer Club has been given a boost for its charity-match season with generous sponsorship from Scottish Australia.

Scottish Australia, the company which, with help from comedian Billy Connolly, takes your money seriously, has provided the club with a new set of strips.

The company's new logo is emblazoned proudly on the front of the Scotland-blue shirts. Although a young Australian company, Scottish Australia is keen to maintain its former history and heritage while becoming involved in its new community.

Adelaide Scotland team members, as with the company, are ex-Scots now living in SA.

"More than \$20,000 has been raised for worthwhile causes by the team and we now are pleased to contribute," said Scottish Australia's SA and NT manager, Mr Ross Swan.

On a business level,

the performance the team is likely to achieve is similar to our own goals which was an added attraction for the sponsorship.

Adelaide Scotland for nearly two decades actively has helped such local charities as the Anti-Cancer Foundation and the Spastic Centre of SA.

The team, led by Croatia coach and former FIFA referee Donald Campbell is composed of top SA players with strong Scottish origins.

The local Tartan Army which is keen to see the re-introduction of a Nations Cup style competition is looking forward to another good charity year — boosted now by the splendid backing of Scottish Australia.

Former Rothmans Medal winner Davie Doorne had cartilage surgery last week but only may be briefly out of action.

"The trouble did not seem as bad when first thought and he only may be out for a couple of weeks," said Doorne's assistant coach at Polonia, Gerry Petit.

Petit is delighted with the form of teenage midfielder dynamo and striker John Christopoulos.

But he says the club should rest the duo and is unable to because of the paucity of depth of its squad.

"Young Shane has been terrific but really we have asked too much of him," said Petit. "He needs a couple of weeks in the Reserves to get a breather. He is just a youngster."

"Christopoulos, too, has been playing well but he carries a big burden to get the goals we're after. He could do with a spell but with our squad not as strong in depth as others we have to keep playing the likes of these lads."

Meanwhile, giant Birkalla defender Les Matfacsak at the end of the season is to look at treatment for an arthritic hip complaint that has troubled him for many seasons.

Skilled Azzurri midfielder Duane Gray may be looking at third time lucky.

Twice he has tried his luck out of the State League — without success.

First he trained with Warringah Freshwater in NSW but was hampered by a driving muscle strain.

Then he tried out with NSL side Sunshine George Cross but had to return to SA after only two training sessions with an Achilles injury.

"I'd still love to play in the NSL," said Gray, 26. "Maybe some doors will open for me in SA or I'd love to get there with Azzurri. The move there has been good."

Modbury took the unusual step of urging its fans not to attend the club's game on Saturday against Beograd.

Trouble flared when the sides met earlier this season and the Modbury hierarchy felt it better not to tempt fate for a repeat.

That is why they asked for their travelling support to stay at home.

CUMBERLAND'S English import Kevin McCormack is to be a guest coach at the Vacation Soccer Schools SA. McCormack, from Liverpool, holds an FA coaching badge. Adelaide Hellas star Alby Kidd is coaching co-ordinator for the courses which are expected to attract 120 boys.

ASTUTE Polonia secretary John Sosnowski has left the club. His business

commitments are thought to be the main reason behind the parting of ways Steve Witwicki has assumed Sosnowski's duties.

FACTS

CANBERRA City Concordia will be without two leading players for the rest of the season.

Gary Van Der Platt, last year's leading club scorer and winner of the ACT first division's Player of the Year award, and Nicki Toni, played their last games in the 1-1 draw with Belconnen United.

Both based in Cooma, they are travelling to Holland for a holiday and will also trial for a Dutch second-division side. They are not sure when they will be returning to the ACT area.

And City will suffer a further blow in a fortnight's time when Mustapha El Ayadi leaves for a holiday in Morocco.

MEANWHILE, the under-16 representatives arranged a penaltyathon to raise funds towards the cost of competing in the national championship.

Senior representative goalkeepers Anthony Giannasca and Peter Gunning of Canberra Croatia agreed to put themselves into the firing line to help the youngsters who took shots at them on Monday (June 18) at Hackett Oval, beginning at 5.30pm.

"We have reached the stage of our preparations where we are looking for full-scale games and any coach who would like to give his squad a run should get in touch with me on 254 3464," he said.

GRAHAM COOKE



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ST GEORGE U/13: Steffan Jurd, Matthew O'Shea, Steven Vranikovic, Joe Vrkic, Brent Christorides, Ali Kdough, Stuart Ireland, Robert Dimovski, Nick Bolevski, Robert Gomez, Steven Riches, Jason Sloan, Steven Sloan, Peter Sutalo, Vaughan Hunter, Keith Gibson (coach), Greg Hunter (manager). Pic: H. CARRASCO.



ST GEORGE U/15: G. Manuli, W. Gibbs, N. Metcalf, S. Borg, P. Walker, D. Thomas, L. Campagna, K. Bakafoukas, D. Ismailin, P. Spais, E. Adzioski, R. Borilovic, F. Katholos, A. Zigas, J. Haynes (coach), R. Preston (manager). Pic: H. CARRASCO.



ST GEORGE U/14: F. Novaro, D. McDonald, L. Metcalfe, R. Plesa, L. Trajkovski, I. Persi, A. Bosco, C. Gibson (c), A. Kehagias, J. Cheeseman, L. Mauceri, B. Rossen, E. Papageorgiou, A. Seniuk, G. Dranganoudis, J. Iliopoulos, K. Hoveling (manager), T. Trotman (coach). Pic: H. CARRASCO.



ABBOTSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL under 11 Claremont, Tasmania — Back row (l to r): Michael Garth (coach), Stuart Hannaford, Rodney Pless, Ken Street (president), Chris Harris, Sean Carroll, Nathan Morrison, Samuel Jacobsen. Front row: Stacey Brown, Scott Dale, Ben Smith, Heath Smith, Melissa Hill, Brigitte Paradisis. Abbotsfield plays in Hobart's Northern Suburbs under 11 competition and has won and lost one of its opening two matches. Abbotsfield's coach is Michael Garth, a senior player with Premier League Division One club Metro-Claremont.

Super Leagues in north

BY MARTIN BARNES

MY travels in junior soccer have led me to conclusion that it must continue to progress in the many development areas it has undertaken.



The standard of individual play is visibly increasing, and this can be put down to the introduction of many Youth League and Super League competitions.

Stronger competitions lead to better, more highly skilled players.

Let us look at the construction of Super Leagues in my area of coastal Northern NSW.

The pioneer in this league set-up was the Newcastle Super League which encompasses Newcastle and outlying areas, and teams from the North Coast comprising of players basically from the Hasting and Manning areas.

I have been involved with these teams for the past two years and have witnessed a major improvement from many players.

This can be shown to the fullest when one looks at the U15 North Coast side.

This squad which has been one of the front-runners in the last three years, now contains eight state players.

Many other teams have shown vast improvement. In the case of Adamstown Rosebuds they have raised their standards even further.

Though many players from the Newcastle and North Coast are beginning to show marked improvement, some from other country areas of the north are falling behind in their soccer technique.

This problem should be alleviated by the creation of another Country Super League.

Such a league will allow players of representative standard to compete at a high level without having to travel to Newcastle.

I would encourage country associations to fully support such a league, as the more teams competing the more room for improvement is created.

The many administrators who have been involved in the creation of these leagues are to be congratulated.

Stronger competition can only be of benefit to soccer in general and hopefully increase the number of players from the Northern area entering the State League and NSL competitions.

Amateur leaders honoured

BY MARTIN BARNES

pleased with an excellent presentation ceremony.



Harrie Dening

Those to receive awards were:

HARRIE DENING. President of the Australian Junior Soccer Council and the huge Sutherland Shire Association. Long serving NSW and Sydney Branch senior official. Life member of the NSW Sydney Branch, Sutherland Club and Association and Caringbah Rangers FC. State team manager.

GEORGE CHURCHWARD. Treasurer of the NSWASF for 21 years. Various positions including president of the Nepean District Soccer Association from 1961/88. Life member NSWASF and the NDSA State team manager.



George Churchward

BARBARA HORLEY. Life member of the NDSA, secretary since February 15 1978.

NORM CHAPMAN. Involved with NSW soccer since 1950s. Helped establish Maitland Soccer Club. Member of Rutherford Junior Soccer Club since 1973.

LINDSAY COSGROVE. Founding and

life member of Southern Tablelands Soccer Association. 25 years service to the association. Currently secretary and public officer.

HARRY GILL. Gave birth to the Glebe Soccer Club. In 1949 joined Management Committee of Sydney Amateur League. Served on the committee 11 consecutive years, assistant secretary one year and secretary for 27 years.

DOUG EDWARDS. Associated with Lismore Richmond Rovers Soccer Club for over 28 years. Member of original Rovers team formed in 1961. Life Member LRRSC. Member of the Board of Directors of Lismore District Soccer Ltd in 1984. Elected chairman of LDS LTD in 1986. President of the ASFNSW Inc.



Doug Edwards

GARY HANCOCK. Elected president of the Harden Soccer Club in 1981 and 1982. Assists with ground marking, organising etc. in the South West Slopes Soccer Association. Elected life member SWSA and the Harden Soccer Club. In 1987 published a book on the history of the SWSA.

COLIN POUND. Dedicated to promotion of soccer in the Clarence River district. Vice President, senior vice president of the Majors Soccer Club. Life member of the referees association, of the Clarence River Soccer Association.

RODNEY WOODS. Member of Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association Management Committee for 22 years. Served 15 years as president. Delegate to the NSWASF for the Sydney Branch.

COMMONWEALTH BANK

Commonwealth Bank Shield

FOR the second year in a row Griffith beat Murray of Albury to win the Riverina division of the Commonwealth Bank Shield knockout for girls.

The final scoreline of 2-0 reflected Griffith's domination of the match as goalie Kim Match had only one difficult save to make, such was the effectiveness of the Griffith defence.

In midfield Tanya Crimmins ran strongly, setting up many chances and controlled the middle of the field along with captain Charmaine Potter.

Up front Amanda Cottom and Daniele Febo worried the life out of the Murray defence and it was Cottom who was on hand to open the scoring after a scramble in the goal-mouth.

The other front-runners Shelley Trefell and Natalie Modena combined well and pressured the opposition into mistakes.

Both had opportunities to score but were unsuccessful till late in the second half when a though ball found Modena who placed it past the keeper into the net to seal a Griffith victory, and a date with Bass High from Met South West early next term.

Griffith High was well represented in the history making Riverina girls' team, which finished runners-up in the recent Inter-regional Carnival held in Narrabri.

To put icing on the cake Charmaine Potter was selected in the NSW CHS team to contest the Australian championship in Melbourne in September.

— LINDSAY HEWISON

UNBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 22 SATURDAY JUNE 30 DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17
Blacktown City	v St George	2-1	0-1		1-0
Melita	v Syd Olympic	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0
Syd Croatia	v APIA	3-3	1-0	0-0	1-2
Marconi	v Cent/M'ville	4-0	2-1		0-0
Sutherland	v Macarthur	1-4	2-2	1-1	0-2
Bankstown	v Illawarra	1-2	1-1	3-3	4-1
Nepean	v Sth Districts	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-2

ROUND 22 SATURDAY JUNE 30 DIVISION 2

		1-1	2-1	1-0	1-0
Avala	v Ku-ring-gai				
Manly Warringah	v Canterbury	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0
Gladesville	v Warringah	6-0	1-0	2-0	1-3
Rockdale	v Granville	1-0	0-2	1-0	3-2
Centra. Coast	v Sth & Eastern	1-1	1-0	0-2	4-0
Polonia	v Sth Branch	0-0	1-4	5-1	2-0



Player's viewpoint
Former Young Soccerroo
Chris Hummel has a say

AUSTRALIAN soccer has a struggle on its hands against the likes of rugby league, Aussie rules, cricket and now the booming basketball.

On too many occasions, due to situations such as the one that occurred between transfer-listed Tony Pezzano and Apia-Leichhardt and also the one that featured Greg Woodhouse in the past, Australian soccer top loses players at both the NSL and State League levels.

Sure Tony might not be Australia's best goalkeeper, but fans like the style and antics he produces.

Clubs struggle to find money, but the sort of appreciation shown is not worth it to players who have given many hours of dedication and loyalty to clubs.

A lack of professionalism by some Federations and clubs contributes to a lot to players becoming disenchanted with the game here.

Constant changes in the competition schedule and format do not



CHRIS HUMMEL

help for either the players or the public.

Playing semi-professionally as well as working from eight to ten hours a day — and for some raising families as well — puts a lot of pressure on those involved.

Many players turn out for the love of the game, the privilege of receiving money for what they like to do, the hype and spectators, friendships, etc.

Later many feel they could either take it or leave it, due to problems within the code.

Is that the way soccer should be?

On a good note, the NSL is played in summer and some players this year are also turning out in the State Leagues.

This will be beneficial to the NSL players involved, the national team, and hopefully provide the chance for some players to become fully professional.

State League football is definitely producing a higher standard of soccer, and the NSL players will undoubtedly pass on some of their experience and knowledge to many players who would otherwise not come up against such a high standard.

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The impressions of a TV armchair critic

BY MIKE JOHNSON

MARADONA, Tyler, Schillaci, Gascoigne, Stojkovic, Skuhravy

These are the World Cup people who impact my mind the most as I write this article prior to the quarter-finals.

Life has been dominated by soccer in these last two weeks, watching game after game, some games as many as three times over via the excellent TV coverage of SBS.

Twice one has not slept for 24 hours, spending day and night, watching or waiting for soccer games.

Although one can never substitute for being there, the opportunity to watch on television and learn from the highest level of soccer on this earth was and is something not to be missed for a coach.

Maradona fascinates by the power of his presence on a soccer field when seemingly overweight and injured.

The deftness of his touches, the perfect accuracy and weight of his passes, while thus handicapped and under such tight, usually illegal, man-to-man marking has been simply outstanding.

They cannot restrict his sharp brain, even though they pound him and kick him, trip him and pull him.

Maradona truly is a sportsman of Bradmanesque proportions if we can use an Australian comparison to set his stature in world soccer.

Unfortunately, he'll not be around much longer, it would seem, such is the punishment



MARTIN TYLER

meted out to soccer stars today — something FIFA must take full responsibility for.

Stanley Matthews was England's greatest-ever soccer player.

I played against Matthews in the 1960s at Craven Cottage in London in the English First Division for Fulham against Blackpool for whom Matthews was playing at the age of 44.

Maradona is 29 and about finished, such is the battering he has taken in his short career.

Martin Tyler is a commentator extraordinaire.

He is extraordinary in his knowledge of the game and in his ability to choose words to describe it.

Cliche is in-bred in commentary.

Tyler is able to free himself from such common practice, using simple English which sometimes borders on cliche, but which he is able to embellish with his wide choice of words.

His voice produces excitement, whilst being

able to be listened to for long periods. He is intelligent without sounding pedantic.

Despite doing one commentary after another, day in day out, his unabating enthusiasm, knowledge and skills have made him a true star of this World Cup.

Salvatore Schillaci has an eye for goal, to use a common cliché to describe a soccer goal poacher.

The goal poacher usually scores from positions close in on goal.

England's Gary Lineker scores most of his goals within nine metres of goal.

Schillaci seems able to score from outside the penalty box as well as inside the box, if we are able to believe the evidence of this World Cup.

Because I know nothing about him, it is difficult to predict if he will keep scoring at this high level.

However, his skills and quickness of movement suggest that he might.

If he can keep scoring, Italy will win the World Cup. If he can't, the Italian defence may not be strong enough to take out the trophy.

Paul Gascoigne, like Maradona, is sharp as a tack, incline to overweight and has great dribbling and kicking skills.

He didn't play all that well against Belgium, but still produced the inspired free-kick to give David Platt his volleyed goal and England its ticket into the quarter-

finals.

Previous to that, against Egypt he had an excellent game in defence and attack and also provided the inswinging free kick to have Mark Wright head England's winning goal.



DIEGO MARADONA

Gascoigne will need to be at his creative best, maybe even beyond what we have seen so far, in both the semi-final and final, if a still tentative England is to advance that far.

This, of course, implies that England will beat Cameroon, which they should.

I am not overly impressed by Cameroon and am interested to see if my judgement via TV is accurate.

I have the same judgement regarding West Germany, going in the face of seemingly all opinion in Italy which perturbs me.

Nevertheless, as expressed last week, I still find the Germans stereotyped and often ponderous in their play — somewhat similar to England.

They are playing a 5-3-2 formation (five at the back, three in mid-field and two up front) which in my opinion is better than England's 5-

4-1

However, they do not possess the innovative players available to England, whose John Barnes, Chris Waddle, Gascoigne and Beardsley (when used) are fine, mobile players.

It is interesting that I have not chosen a player from the West German team among those who have grabbed my attention.

Captain Lothar Matthaus possibly would have been there but like his team I find him filled with power, but short on stealth.

Will German power be better than Italian skill, or English all-sorts?

Certainly Yugoslavia's Dragan Stojkovic, like his team, does not lack stealth.

His goal against Spain that took Yugoslavia into the quarter-final was (for me) the best of the tournament so far.

But Stojkovic has not, as yet, displayed the constant, all-round commitment that Gascoigne has brought to a couple of his games.

And even if Stojkovic did, it might not be enough for his team to overcome its lack of tight marking in defence.

With Czechoslovakia's Tomas Skuhravy, it is all in the head.

Four goals in one game, one disallowed, all headed. Nuff said...

It is the stars who make the difference.

It is the stars who lift the combined efforts of their team-mates to the heights needed to win World Cups

Kiddies' tourney in Newcastle

BY MARTIN BARNES

THE South Wallsend Soccer Club Inc. will be staging its inaugural John McCallum Memorial Tournament on the weekend of the 1/2 September.

The competition is open to 10 and 12 year age groups and will be held at the Walker Soccer Fields at Elermore Vale Park near Wallsend.

Accommodation for teams is in the form of portable huts, the clubhouse being transformed into the teams dining room.

Catering need not be a concern as the club has excellent canteen facilities and thus can provide for a large amount of people.

Only the first eight teams in each age group will be accepted into the tournament. Finalisation of draws takes place on July 30.

South Wallsend's aim when creating such a tournament is to foster the game in their region of NSW. All those interested in participating in the tournament should contact tournament convenor Mr Ian Main on 049 512 548.

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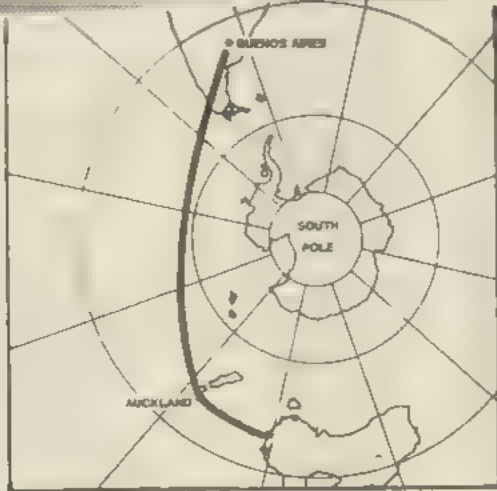
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England won't be kicked out

Reports that England would be excluded from the 1994 World Cup because of their hooligan fans were discounted by FIFA.

FIFA was reported to be planning a major inquiry into the whole situation after the state of war on Sardinia to contain England's unruly fans during the first round group matches.

However, Galan said FIFA drew up a report into all aspects of the tournament after every World Cup.

"We consider organisation, security, administration, really everything," he said.

The United States team has been attacked by the American press after its three first round defeats.

In a stinging attack, the "Los Angeles Times" accused the players of being too slow, too weak, and too young to play well.

The "New York Times" branded them as "young idealists", while the "Boston Sun" accused them of lacking any attack.

The "New York Daily News," under the headline "The US isn't enough", complained that the American players had failed "to mark faster, more skillful players in the penalty box".

The "Miami Herald" took a more philosophical line.

"If nothing else, the Americans showed themselves to be a wiser and tougher team than the one that arrived in Europe at the end of May," it said.

"In their first game, they played perfectly the role of innocents abroad... neither smart nor tough."

A record of more than 1.6 million tickets, worth \$93 million, were sold for the 36 first round World Cup matches, according to official figures.

The number of tickets sold was nearly 400,000 more than at the same stage of the 1986 finals in Mexico.

The figures showed an average of 45,000 tickets were sold for each match.

However, the number of people turning up for many matches has been well below the tickets sold.

This has been blamed on the system of selling World Cup seats in books instead of individually. Large companies have bought many tickets to give to clients as promotional gifts.

Ticket touts in Rome are asking three million lire (\$3,050) for first-class tickets for the World Cup final on July 8 — 15 times the official price.

Pele and a host of other famous names from the past will play in a charity match to help fight hunger and poverty in the Third World.

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said that Falcao, Michel Platini and Paolo Rossi were among those who had agreed to take part in the July 2 Europe-America match.

Proceeds from the match at Rome's Olympic stadium will help fund FAO development projects.

Fans danced until dawn after Cameroon's historic advance into the quarter-finals, and support swelled for a campaign to erect a monument to goal scorer Roger Milla.

Police said 21 people were hurt in various accidents during the celebrations, and an entire neighborhood was blacked out by a fire which wrecked three houses.

"Euphoria was total," said one journalist, describing the throngs which flooded sidewalks and cafes for all-night merrymaking after Cameroon became the first African team ever to reach the quarter-finals.

Milla, whose two goals against Colombia raised his tournament total to four, told national television he dedicated his goals to his two children and to President Paul Biya.

Many of the celebrating fans voiced support for a proposal by the state-owned "Cameroon Tribune" to construct a monument in honor of Milla, who came out of semi-retirement at age 38 to compete in the World Cup.

Citizens were urged to contribute even small sums to help raise the needed funds.

Hundreds of fans gave a hero's welcome early to the Egyptian team after its elimination from the World Cup, celebrating its arrival with flags and honking car horns.

President Hosni Mubarak sent Kamal el-Ganzoury, Minister of Planning and Deputy Prime Minister, to welcome the Egyptian team.

Egypt's soccer fans maintain that their team played well and was eliminated with honor in the first round.

"I thank God that we were able to offer our best effort in this important event. Our reputation there was good and everyone commended our playing," Mahmoud el-Gohary, the team's coach, said after the team arrived.

Soviet international midfielder Alexander Zavarov signed a three-year contract for an undisclosed fee with new-



JOHNNY WARREN COVERS THE WORLD CUP



Vicini stays cool

ROME — Imagine a job in which the only measure of success is whether you are the best in the world.



Azeglio Vicini

Azeglio Vicini has such a job.

As coach of Italy, Vicini is part motivator, public relations manager and father-figure in a country where devotion to the sport ranks second only to religion.

Every move is second-guessed, every decision criticised by a press and public seldom satisfied with anything short of total victory.

If he achieves the ultimate — leads his team to the World Cup — then he has only done his job.

Despite the pressure, the 57-year-old Vicini remains unharried, almost stoic.

"I feel a responsibility to secure us a championship, and hope to have the serenity to achieve this objective," he said recently.

The overbearing media and public expect Italy to win the World Cup, based on recent strong performances and the advantage of playing before an adoring home crowd.

Vicini himself has helped raise hopes. He took over the

national team from Enzo Bearzot after Italy failed to make the quarter-finals in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

The result was considered a disaster, contrasting with the jubilation in nations such as Cameroon and Colombia over their teams' advancement in 1990.

In 41 games under Vicini, Italy has posted 26 victories, 10 draws and five defeats, including a semi-final finish in the 1988 European Championships in West Germany.

Before taking over the national team, Vicini coached Italy's Under-21 team and helped develop players such as Walter Zenga, Roberto Donadoni and Gianluca Vialli, the nucleus of his current squad.

He also has added new faces such as defender Paolo Maldini and attackers Roberto Baggio and Salvatore Schillaci, who has scored two of Italy's four goals in the first round despite starting only one of the three matches.

Vicini's greatest skill may be his handling of players and the relentless Italian media.

He displays a shrewd understanding of motivation and uses the overblown media coverage to his advantage.

He has yet to publicly criticise a player's performance, and often



Roberto Baggio

defends the team after a poor outing.

He also generally remains patient with the sports writers who question his decisions, offering detailed explanations for his actions.

In public, Vicini refrains from making predictions and often stresses the strengths of upcoming opponents. The players say he is more direct with them.

Vicini says he's ready for the 1990 World Cup Challenge.

"These are the hardest four weeks of my life, but also the most significant," Vicini said.

"The whole world has made us into favourites, but other teams also have some very good players."

Austrians blame "bad luck"

AUSTRIAN coach Josef Hickersberger admits his team did not play well enough to deserve a berth in the second round.

But he also thinks it couldn't have had any worse luck.

"First Colombia scored in the closing seconds against West Germany to draw the match," Hickersberger said after his team was officially eliminated.

"And then Uruguay scored a goal two minutes into extra time to beat South Korea. That killed any hope that we had."

If Colombia had lost

ly-promoted French First Division soccer club Nancy.

Zavarov, 29, flew to Nancy with the club's vice president, France's national coach Michel Platini, who approached him during the World Cup.

Zavarov was released by his previous club Juventus after a disappointing two-year spell in Italy.

or Uruguay drawn, Austria would have had a chance.

The Austrians and Scotland would have been tied at two points for the last available berth in the second round, and because the teams had the same goal differential a draw would have determined who kept playing and who went home.

But when Uruguayan striker Daniel

Fonseca headed a last minute free kick into the South Korean net, Hickersberger walked out of the television room at his team's Artimino retreat.

There was still an outside chance for Austria if neither Group F match ended in a draw. But Ireland scored late to draw with Holland, giving both teams three points and killing Austria's chances.

"We played very



Josef Hickersberger

poorly in the first half of our match against Italy, and during our entire match against Czechoslovakia," Hickersberger said of the two 1-0 losses.

"This is a young team and perhaps they weren't quite ready for the pressure and the expectations of our fans."

Hickersberger stayed in Italy to observe Yugoslavia in the second round.

Yugoslavia is Austria's strongest opponent in the qualifying matches for the 1992 European Championships.

"New" tactics stifled Brazil

ROME — Twenty years have passed since Mele, Edu and Jairzinho last gave Brazil a World Cup triumph, in the era when a team could dominate international soccer on pure talent.

This year, coach Sebastiao Lazaroni bravely tried to break tradition. He fielded a team that might not play with as much flair as the Brazilian teams of old but one he hoped would have a better chance of winning its fourth world title.

But Lazaroni's new-look Brazil was eliminated from the World Cup in the second round, beaten 1-0 by archrival Argentina on a goal by Claudio Caniggia served up by Diego Maradona.

The team's stunning loss came after Lazaroni endured harsh criticism from the Brazilian press and fans for committing what they considered the ultimate act of heresy: playing with a European-style "libero" defender behind his full-backs and with two strikers up front instead of three.

"The important thing is winning," Lazaroni repeated steadfastly. "Even if you win on a hand ball, on an offside attack at three minutes into injury time."

"In 1982 and 1986, Brazil put on a great show and the people complained when it was eliminated. This Brazil is far more competitive, and people are complaining that it's dull."

The 1980s were not kind to a Brazilian team whose lineup read like a who's who of soccer talent. In 1982, with a lineup featuring such standouts as Zico, Junior, and Socrates, Brazil was eliminated by Italy 3-2 in the second round in a spectacular and memorable contest.

In 1986, the world's most talented team also participated in the most exciting match of the tournament, and once again came out on the losing side. It fell to France on penalty kicks after Zico missed a second-half penalty that would have given Brazil victory.

Against Argentina, Brazil was eliminated once again, even though it dominated the match.

"We deserved to win today," said a tearful Lazaroni afterwards. "We had countless scoring chances, while they scored on the only chance they had."

Lazaroni's assessment was only partially

accurate. Brazil did control the ball for most of the match. Playmaker Valdo roamed at will and lofted crosses after crosses into the crowded Argentine area. And midfielders Dunga and Alemão had absolute midfield dominion.

Argentine central defenders Pedro Monzon and Oscar Ruggeri switched off on the two forwards, and sweeper Basualdo, who had no defensive assignment, was usually on hand to double-up when either Muller or Careca received the ball.

Historically, Brazil had turned these tight-situations to its advantage by pushing its extra midfielder up in attack.

But against Argentina the extra-midfielder was sweeper Mauro Galvão, playing behind the Brazilian defence, an insurance policy for an Argentine assault that never really materialised.

HIGHER QUOTA?

PROPOSALS to increase the quota of countries from Africa, Asia and Central and North America taking part in the World Cup finals will be considered later this year, FIFA president Joao Havelange said.

Havelange said FIFA's executive committee would discuss a new system for allocating places in the finals at its next meeting in December and would consider increasing quotas for non-European and non-South American nations.

But he did not elaborate. "It will be a matter for the executive to decide," he said.

Africa, Asia and the CONCACAF federation grouping Central and North American FIFA members each have two representatives at the World Cup finals, though the Africans and Asians have been pressing for a third.

Havelange has indicated in the past that any increase would have to be justified by results.

ITALY v URUGUAY 2-0

Schillaci strikes again

ROME — Salvatore Schillaci ended 65 minutes of frustration with a thunderous drive to guide Italy to the World Cup quarter-finals.

Schillaci, the new idol of Italian fans, scored after a stubborn and aggressive Uruguayan defence had defied the Italian attack.

He collected a delicate pass from substitute Aldo Serena and rammed a swirling shot past hapless goalkeeper Fernando Alves from the edge of the penalty area.

Until that point, the Uruguayan defence had

looked impregnable.

Serena scored an 83rd minute insurance goal, sending a bullet-header into the net after a clever free kick from midfielder Giuseppe Giannini.

The win was Italy's hardest so far in the finals.

Uruguay rarely troubled goalkeeper Walter Zenga — who kept his line clear for the fourth straight match of the

tournament — but packed the midfield to deny the creative Italians any space to work.

"I'm very happy, especially for the crowd, who had been behind us throughout the game," Schillaci said. "Serena deserves the credit for my goal. It was a beautiful pass."

Italy was cheered on throughout the game by a capacity crowd of over 73,000.

Uruguay began the match without two regular starters — Ruben Paz, who was injured, and Ruben Sosa, who was dropped but appeared as a second-half substitute.

The South Americans quickly signalled their intentions by playing eight men deep in their own half.

They were content merely to soak up pressure and look for opportunities to catch the Italians with quick breaks.

Italy's attack quickly became frustrated by some rugged tackling by the Uruguayans. Baggio crossed cleverly in the first minute, but Schillaci hooked the ball wide, and four minutes later, Alves moved quickly off his line to thwart Schillaci.

Baggio was on target in the 15th minute, but no one else touched his indirect free kick and English referee George Courtney correctly disallowed the goal.

Uruguay created only two chances in the opening 45 minutes. A poor back-pass by Fernando de Napoli let in Carlos Aguilera in the 21st minute, but Zenga saved well. A minute before the break, Enzo Francescoli freed Daniel Fonseca, but the striker delayed his shot and lost possession.

Schillaci went close in the 54th minute but was denied by a one-handed save from Alves.

The goalkeeper also excelled four minutes later when he made a one-handed save to keep out a free kick from Luigi de Agostini. It was one of the best saves of the tournament.

ITALY: Zenga, Barresi, Sergi, De Agostini, Ferri, Maldini, Bertl (Serena 53m), De Napoli, Giannini, Baggio (Vierchowod 79m), Schillaci (Vierchowod 79m), Schillaci (Vierchowod 79m), Schillaci (Vierchowod 79m), Schillaci (Vierchowod 79m).

URUGUAY: Alves, Gutierrez, De Leon, Dominguez, Saldana, Perdomo, Ostolaza (Alzamendi 80m), Francescoli, Pereira, Aguilera (Sosa 57m), Fonseca.

SCORES: Schillaci 65m, Serena 83m for Italy.

YELLOW CARDS: Bertl 37m for Italy; Aguilera 15m, Alves 26m, Perdomo 35m, Francescoli 50m for Uruguay.

REFEREE: Jose Wright (Brazil).

CROWD: 73,000.

STATS

ITALY: Free kicks 33, Corners 3, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 4.

URUGUAY: Free kicks 16, Corners 3, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 2.

IRELAND v ROMANIA 5-4(pen)

Bonny Bonner



Irish goalkeeper Pat Bonner was the hero when he stopped Daniel

GENOA — Ireland, written off by the purists when the World Cup began, battled their way through to the quarter-finals after a heart-stopping penalty shoot-out.



David Platt celebrates his stunning last-minute goal against the plucky Belgians. A moment to savour for England's Player of the Year

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Timofte's spot-kick after both sides had converted the first four.

Then substitute David O'Leary blasted home the winner for a 5-4 score which sent Ireland to Rome for the quarter-finals.

There was no denying Romania were the more skilful side and Gheorghe Hagi, who peppered Bonner with shots throughout the 120 gruelling minutes in debilitating heat, was the outstanding player.

But the Romanians badly missed the suspended Marius Lacatus.

And sheer grit carried the Irish through although they could just as easily have settled the outcome in normal time.

Only a reflex save by Romanian goalkeeper Silviu Lung two minutes from half-time stopped Kevin Sheedy scoring.

Niall Quinn headed on Paul McGrath's cross but Lung pulled down the ball as Sheedy tried to force it home.

Ireland had refused to be hustled out of their stride in the first 15 minutes of withering Romanian attacks and slowly but surely forced their way into the game.

Quinn and Casciaro, who substituted for John Aldridge after only 22 minutes, were a continual threat under high balls but Ray Houghton and Paul McGrath showed the Irish could also put some neat moves together.

Ioan Sabau pulled a shot wide of the far post in the third minute after Gheorghe Hagi let Gavril Balint's low cross from the goal-line run past him.

Balint's pace took him clear of the Irish defence in the 10th minute but Bonner was well-placed to hold his fierce shot.

Bonner made two exceptional saves from Hagi. One of them in the second half prevented an almost certain goal as he got both hands to a shot which was heading for the top left-hand corner.

REP. IRELAND: Bonner, Morris, Staunton (O'Leary 93m), McCarthy, Moran, McGrath, Houghton, Townsend, Aldridge (Casciaro 22m), Sheedy, Quinn.

ROMANIA: Lung, Radnic, Klein, Andone, Popescu, Rotariu, Sabau (Timofte 97m), Hagi, Lupescu, Raduclou (Lupu 75m), Balint.

SCORES: Penalty shoot-out — Sheedy, Houghton, Townsend, Casciaro, O'Leary for Ireland; Hagi, Lupu, Rotariu, Lupescu for Romania.

YELLOW CARDS: Aldridge 21m, McGrath 96m, McCarthy 118m for Ireland; Hagi 112m, Lupu 115 for Romania.

REFEREE: Jose Ramiz Wright (Brazil).

CROWD: 31,818.

STATS

IRELAND: Free kicks 26, Corners 4, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 9.

ROMANIA: Free kicks 23, Corners 7, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 11.

YUGOSLAVIA v SPAIN 2-1 (aet)

STOJKOVIC STUNS

VERONA — Two goals from Dragan Stojkovic knocked Spain out of the World Cup and gave Yugoslavia a quarter-final berth.



Dragan Stojkovic

The Yugoslavs won 2-1 after extra-time.

Stojkovic, for whom French champions Olympique Marseille have paid Red Star Belgrade \$10 million, opened the score for Yugoslavia in the 77th minute against the run of play.

He struck again two minutes into the first period of extra-time with a stunning free-kick.

Julio Salinas had forced another half hour when he equalised six minutes from the end of normal time.

Yugoslavia opened the scoring when Zlatko Vujovic held off Manuel Sanchis on the left hand side of the penalty area after a pounding 40 metre run and crossed for Srecko Katanec to backhead for Stojkovic.

The player was completely unmarked and took aim before side-footing home — the hallmark of a superior player.

Spain, who had seen headers from Alberto Gorritz and Emilio Butragueno hit the post, finally broke down the tenacious Yugoslav defence.

Martin Vazquez took Michel's pass in his stride and powered his way into the right hand

side of the penalty area before crossing hard and low for Julio Salinas to force the ball home at the far post.

Spain had gone close on three occasions before falling behind.

Six minutes into the second half, Martin Vazquez, for whom Torino have paid Real Madrid \$6 million, weaved past three men into the penalty area before shooting into the side netting.

Gorritz saw his header from a Martin Vazquez corner bounce off Tomislav Ivkovic's chest and onto the post before the goalkeeper grabbed the ball on the line.

Then Salinas put Villaroya clear on the right for a cross to the unmarked Butragueno which the Spanish captain headed against the inside of the post.

The ball bounced back into the grateful arms of Ivkovic.

In the final analysis, the Yugoslavs paced themselves better in the 30-degree heat.

Their superior technique enabled them to play much more sparingly than the Spaniards, whose non-stop running style sapped their energy in extra-time.

YUGOSLAVIA: Ivkovic, Spasic, Hadzibegic, Jozic, Brnovic, Susic, Stojkovic, Katanec (Vukic 99m), Sabandovic, Pancev (Savicovic 56m), Vujovic.

SPAIN: Zubizarreta, Chendo, Andrinus, Sanchis, Gorritz, Martin-Vazquez, Villaroya, Roberto, Michel, Butragueno (Paz 79m), Salinas.

SCORES: Stojkovic 77 & 82m for Yugoslavia; Salinas 84m for Spain.

YELLOW CARDS: Katanec 6m, Vujovic 60m, Vukic 99m for Yugoslavia; Roberto 92m, Chendo 113m for Spain.

REFEREE: Aron Schmidhuber (West Germany).

CROWD: 35,500.

STATS

SPAIN: Free kicks 18, Corners 16, Shots on target 7, Shots off target 11.

YUGOSLAVIA: Free kicks 29, Corners 1, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 5.

ENGLAND v BELGIUM 1-0 (aet)

Perfect Platt makes it a last-gasp win

BOLOGNA — David Platt scored on a volley with one minute to go in extra-time to beat Belgium and send England into the quarter-finals.

In the 119th minute, midfielder Paul Gascoigne floated a freekick into the area and the Aston Villa striker turned beautifully and sent a right-foot volley past keeper Michel Preud'homme.

Belgium hit the post twice in the first 50 minutes as it dominated with smooth combination play.

But England steadily got into the match to create one of the most entertaining second-round games of the tournament — a real thriller.

In extra time, both teams continued to look for the decider.

Preud'homme denied substitute Steve Bull with a great save on a 20-metre drive.

Belgium again was brilliantly led by playmaker Enzo Scifo, who rifled a 30-metre drive against the inside of the post in the 50th minute.

Captain Jan Ceulemans also hit the post in the 14th minute to give England two lucky escapes.

But England was unlucky when striker John Barnes had the ball in the net in the 40th minute after he volleyed home a cross from Gary Lineker.

He was ruled offside in a controversial decision by referee Peter Mikkelsen of Denmark.

"It was a close encounter," English coach Bobby Robson said after the match.

"It was going to take something special to break the deadlock and Platt's volley was extraordinary."

"We should have won," said Belgian coach Guy Thys. "We are not unhappy because we dominated the match."

Unfortunately, riot police had to move in to restore order after English fans charged Belgian supporters.

About 50 paramilitary policemen spread out in the centre of an unsegregated section to break up the first

disturbance inside a World Cup stadium.

Dozens of English fans charged up steps towards Belgians in the interval before extra-time with the score at 0-0.

One fan, apparently English, was seen swinging what looked like a large stick but no-one appeared to be injured and scuffles quickly subsided.

About 4,500 police were put on full alert in Bologna because of the notorious hooligan record of English supporters.

BELGIUM: Preud'homme, Gerets, Clijsters, Demol, Grun, De Wolf van der Elst, Scifo, Versavel (Vervoort 107m), Deegryse (Claesen 65m), Ceulemans.

ENGLAND: Shilton, Pearce, Walker, Butcher, Parker, Wright, Waddle, McMahon (Platt 72m), Gascoigne, Lineker, Barnes (Bull 75m).

SCORES: Platt 119m for England.

YELLOW CARDS: Gascoigne 88m for England.

REFEREE: Peter Mikkelsen (Denmark).

CROWD: 34,520.

STATS

Free kicks 12, Corners 8, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 11.

ENGLAND: Free kicks 18, Corners 5, Shots on target 8, Shots off target 5.

Italy has new idols

WHEN Italy's four-year love affair with Gianluca Vialli began to turn sour, no-one thought Aldo Serena's chance would come again.

But Italian coach Azeglio Vicini handed Serena the opportunity to celebrate his 30th birthday in style when he sent him on as a 51st minute substitute against Uruguay — and Serena wasted no time in making the Olympic Stadium his own.

He set up the first goal for the new golden boy of the team, Salvatore Schillaci, with a

through ball which caught the Uruguayan defence wrong-footed for the split-second it took Schillaci to fire the ball home.

And then he scored the second himself, a characteristic far post header from Giuseppe Giannini's free kick to present Vicini with that most pleasing of managerial problems — who to leave out for the quarter-final against Ireland.

Serena's stay seemed to be on the wane as Vialli held down the striking role in the national team and when Vicini did make a change he turned to Andrea Carnevale to help up the scoring rate.

Even when the time came for the Vialli-Carnevale partnership to be broken up it was not Serena who benefited despite his proven goalscoring record.

Dream

Instead, Schillaci and Roberto Baggio have become the new superstars and Serena admitted: "I'd really given up hope of playing in this World Cup, but it still seems like a dream to celebrate my 30th birthday this way. What could be better than a

shirt in the World Cup finals, and I hope I can wear it as well as they did," he said.

The emergence of Schillaci and the eclipse of Vialli bore all the comparisons with Rossi's arrival as the key to the 1982 World Cup success in Spain. But now Serena is in the running.

Yet one match cannot so quickly erase the memories of Schillaci's meteoric rise to national stardom, underlined by his breathtaking opening goal against Uruguay — his third in four games.

The difference between Schillaci and Vialli is striking.

A Sicilian from a poor family he spent nine years in the Second Division with Messina before being plucked from obscurity to join Juventus last season.

An unassuming, nervous individual, Schillaci, unlike his colleagues, is awkward and ill-at-ease in the glare of publicity.

Vialli, from a rich family, is the darling of the media.

So for the average Italian it seemed easier to take Schillaci to his heart than Vialli, but that was before Serena

to let the attention go to his head.

"I am going through a magical moment," he said after he scored Italy's opening goal in the 2-0 win over Uruguay which put them into the quarter-finals.

"I just hope I can keep my feet on the ground," added Schillaci whose World Cup joy was compounded by the birth of his son Mattia during the first round.

Italians are keen to point out that Schillaci, with two goals in the opening three matches, started the World Cup in similar fashion to Rossi, the hero of 1982 when Italy last won the trophy.

Schillaci, 17 at the time, recalled: "I was one of the fans who were out on the street yelling 'Come on Italy!'"

Little more than a year ago, Schillaci was virtually an unknown, playing in the Italian second division.

Then Juventus signed him and, after a postcard campaign by his fans and intense media pressure, Italian manager Azeglio Vicini gave him his first chance with the national side in March, in a friendly against Switzerland.



Italy's new idol "Toto" Schillaci takes off against Uruguay.

night like that?"

Serena was top scorer for Inter Milan when they won the 1989 Italian league title but the credit went to the West German duo Lothar Matthaus and Andreas Brehme.

If omens are anything to go by he is in good company.

"Paolo Rossi and Roberto Boninsegna also wore the number 20

and his fairytale birth-day story.

Reverent

Italian fans, desperate to find a new home-grown hero in a league of foreign stars, are already talking about Salvatore Schillaci in the reverent tones usually reserved for Paolo Rossi.

But Schillaci, Toto to his friends, is trying not

But coming into the World Cup, Schillaci still had only one cap and was regarded as little more than the understudy to the more experienced Andrea Carnevale.

But Schillaci, determined and aggressive on the pitch, adopts an air of modesty off it.

"I have to thank Juventus who gave me a big chance to prove myself," he says.

Twilight of the Dutch gods

AGAIN and again, the Dutch warned they were not the same team that powered to the European championship two years ago.



RUUD GULLIT — his lack of match practice, after 13 months of inactivity, was painfully obvious.

That became painfully clear when a faster, more aggressive West Germany ousted them from their first World Cup in 12 years after only four games.

After the 2-1 loss in a second-round game, the Dutch headed home with three first-round draws and a loss to show for the world championship.

Before the tournament, they were considered a contender for the title.

"The unfortunate thing is that this game is the best we played so far," said team captain Ruud Gullit. "I'm sorry, but that's life."

A coaching dispute shortly before the World Cup, the lack of solidarity among the players and Gullit's year-long absence for knee surgery proved too much to overcome.

Dutch defending was slow, and little danger emanated during the tournament from striker Marco van Basten — the Italian league's top scorer last season and twice European Footballer of the Year.

Preparation time was short for the national team because van Basten, Gullit and defender Frank Rijkaard were tied up until late May with European club champion AC Milan.

Van Basten, 25, appeared tired and uninspired in the crucial World Cup game, slipping twice while trying to control the ball and failing to line up a shot on a Gullit feed in one of several Dutch first-half chances.

Gullit made several good crosses but twice fired wildly over the

German goal after the Dutch were one down.

"We lived too long with the idea that we are Europe's best," Beenhakker said. "We were only the best in 1988 — in June and July."

Beenhakker symbolised the problems of the team, which remained a collection of super-talented individuals playing below normal form.

The coach of Dutch champion Ajax Amsterdam, Beenhakker came on as interim World Cup manager only six weeks before the tournament.

He was appointed by Dutch soccer officials against the wishes of a majority of the players, including leaders like Gullit and van Basten.

They would have preferred Johan Cruyff, the star of the 1974 Dutch side that lost the World Cup final against West Germany.

Beenhakker experimented with various tactics and lineups at the World Cup, but the powerful teamwork that marked the 1988 side was absent.

A 1-1 draw against first-round casualty Egypt, England and Ireland barely got the Dutch into the second round and Gullit's only

World Cup goal, against Ireland, remained a momentary triumph.

AMERICAN EXAMPLE

EVEN though the United States was eliminated from the World Cup, the national team has a heavy schedule coming up.

Next is an exhibition game against East Germany on July 28 at County Stadium in Milwaukee.

Then comes the Marlboro Cup in New York on August 10-12 in Giants Stadium at East Rutherford, New Jersey.

No opponents have been announced for the Marlboro Cup, but organisers are hoping to get Italian club Lazio and Flamengo of Brazil as two of the other three teams.

Compare this bevy of activity to the plight of Australia's Socceroos — it's enough to make one weep.

Even the poorly-run US soccer administration is showing Australia's how it's done.

As far as we know, Australia have no full "A" internationals planned for the next 12 months.

— LOU GAUTIER

ASIA MUST IMPROVE

ASIAN soccer has not progressed in the four years since the Mexico World Cup and needs a radical change, according to South Korean coach Lee Hoe-taik.

According to some Korean journalists this could mean allowing Australia and New Zealand back into the Asian Federation.

Lee's men crumbled out of the World Cup with three losses from three games and rarely showed any of the attacking flair that dazzled the world in Mexico.

"We have not improved in technique or strategy compared to developments elsewhere," he said.

"Look at the Emirates," he said, referring to the other Asian confederation representative, the United Arab Emirates, who was soundly beaten in its three games.

"Middle East football has also gone back.

"But in Africa and Central America they get better.

"We need more, better competition. Harder opponents, more often," he said.

Lee would not be drawn on the suggestions from the Korean media that possibly the time was right for Australia and New Zealand to again be part of Asia.

"That is politics which is not for me to decide," he said.

Lee did say, however, it was "a great shame" that there was not more contact between the Asian countries and their neighbours to the south.

"They give us tough matches, which is what we need," he said.

Another idea gaining strength among Asian federations is for a club competition based on the highly successful European Cup.

Lee is expected to resign from the national coaching spot on his return to Seoul.

— STEPHEN DETTRE of AAP



Pat Bonner saves the penalty that put Ireland through to the quarter-finals in a penalty shoot-out.

ITALY v IRELAND 1-0

Schillaci secures semi spot

BY WINSOR DOBBIN of AAP

ROME — Salvatore Schillaci struck again to lift Italy to the semi-finals of the World Cup.

Schillaci was perfectly placed in the 38th minute, sidefooting the ball home with clinical precision after Irish goalkeeper Pat Bonner had blocked a stinging shot from Roberto Donadoni.

The win lifted Italy into a meeting with defending champion Argentina in Naples.

The Italians, who moved within two wins of becoming the first team to win the World Cup four times, played a conservative but ultimately effective game.

The Irish were cheered on by about 7,000 of the 73,303 fans in the tension-charged crowd, but the Italian defence was impenetrable for the fifth straight match and Schillaci was a constant handful up front.

At the other end, goalkeeper Walter Zenga recorded his fifth straight scoreless match of the tournament.

Italy has not conceded a goal in its last 483 minutes of World Cup play, bettering by eight minutes the previous record of 475 minutes set by West Germany in 1974-78.

Zenga's personal record is 450 minutes of World Cup play without conceding a goal.

The Irish began confidently enough and Zenga had to stop a Paul McGrath header as early as the 12th minute.

He also saved a header from Niall Quinn in the 25th minute before

the Italians got over their early jitters and began to dominate in midfield.

Schillaci flicked a header over the crossbar, Luigi De Agostini shot over the bar from a good position, Paolo Maldini missed narrowly with a header and Baggio had the ball in the net but was clearly offside as the Irish defence began to bend under pressure.

Schillaci nearly made it 2-0 a minute before half-time, but slipped when in a good position.

The striker began the second half in similarly menacing mood, hitting a shot onto the underside of the crossbar that bounced down — but did not cross the line.

Ireland threw men forward in a futile search for an equaliser, but it was the Italians who came closest to adding to the scoreline.

Substitute Aldo Serena flicked a header just wide and then was foiled as Bonner raced quickly off his line.

Schillaci also broke free to score in the last minute, but was ruled offside.

ITALY: Zenga, Baresi, Bergomi, De Agostini, Ferri, Maldini, De Napoli, Giannini (Ancelotti 62m), Baggio (Serena 70m), Donadoni, Schillaci.

REP IRELAND: Bonner, Morris-Staunton, McCarthy, Moran, McGrath, Houghton, Townsend, Aldridge (Sheridan 80m), Sheedy, Quinn (Cascarino 52m).

SCORER: Schillaci 37m for Italy.

YELLOW CARDS: De Agostini 36m for Italy; Moran 44m for Ireland.

REFEREE: Carlos Silva Valente (Portugal).

CROWD: 73,303.

STATS

ITALY: Free kicks 31, Cor-

ners 3, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 8.

IRELAND: Free kicks 11, Corners 5, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 3.

Charlton is the toast of Ireland

JACK Charlton says that taking the Republic of Ireland into the quarter-finals of the World Cup was even better than winning the World Cup as a player for England in 1966.

Charlton, a typically blunt product of England's industrial north-east, has a reputation for not taking the game as seriously as many coaches.

He often disappears from the game to indulge himself in country pursuits such as fishing and hunting, one of the advantages of his visits to rural Ireland since he took the job four years ago.

Despite his relaxed nature, "Big Jack" also has a great rapport with his team's supporters. He takes their pleasure or displeasure very much to heart.

For example, after receiving a barracking from the crowd at Newcastle's James Park in 1985, Charlton promptly quit as manager.

Again in Genoa after the heart-stopping 5-4 Irish penalty shoot-out win over Romania, his thoughts were very



much with the celebrating Irish fans.

"I am highly delighted for the people of Ireland that we have got to the quarter-finals at our first World Cup," he said.

Since taking control, Charlton has built a solid Irish team which plays straightforward football, typical of the game in England and Scotland where most of his players earn their living.

Unlike many managers, he has no fear of revealing his tactics.

"I want the coaches of other teams to know how we play," he once said, "because there is little they can do about it."

"The more they try to cater for what we are doing, the more likely they are to interfere with their basic approach and misuse their strengths."

ENGLAND v CAMEROUN 3-2 (aet)

1/4 FINALS

Penalties save English

NAPLES — England survived to the semi-finals by the skin of their teeth, with the help of two Gary Lineker penalty goals, but all the glory belonged to Cameroun at the San Paolo Stadium on Monday morning.

All the quality football came from the Africans, who for long periods gave their highly priced professional opponents a lesson of what modern soccer is all about.

With a tad more experience, the "Indomitable Lions" would have converted the numerous scoring chances that came their way and would have protected their one-goal lead with only seven minutes to go in regulation time.

England made no mistake once they hit the lead, and therein lies the difference between ecstasy and agony — and the teams.

That was one match England did not deserve to win, but full marks for their character.

Lesser teams would not have had the character to literally rise from the dead, but the 120 minutes in sapping heat and the physical and mental stress must have taken a toll which does not augur well for England's semi-final against the mighty West Germans.

But England being England, they fought splendidly, though in

pure football skills it was all Cameroun — a sad indictment of the British game.

Lineker's two penalties ended a superb run in the tournament by quick and clever Cameroun, the first African team to make it past the second round in the 60-year history of the championship.

Cameroun had scored twice within a four-minute period in the second half to lead 2-1 and looked like it would win until England's late surge found the Cameroun defence struggling.

England led 1-0 at

All three penalties in the match were clear-cut ones and Mexican referee Edgardo Code-sal is to be congratulated for his courage.

ENGLAND: Shilton; Parker, Walker, Wright, Butcher (Steven 74m), Pearce, Gascoigne, Platt, Waddle, Lineker, Barnes (Barnes 46m).

CAMEROUN: Nkono, Ebwelle, Massing, Kunde, Tataw, Pagal, Libili, Mfede (Ekeke 63m), Maboang (Milla 46m), Mkanaky, Omam Biyik.

SCORERS: Platt 25m, Lineker 83m (pen) & 104m (pen) for England; Kunde 61m (pen), Ekeke 66m for Cameroun.

YELLOW CARDS: Massing 29m, Nkono 104m, Milla 118m for Cameroun; Pearce 69m for England.

REFEREE: Edgardo Code-



England's John Barnes.

sal (Mexico). CROWD: 55,205.

STATS

ENGLAND: Free kicks 19, Corners 1, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 8.

CAMEROUN: Free kicks 7, Corners 7, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 14.

LEADING SCORERS

Goalscorers after the World Cup quarter-finals.

● 5 — Tomas Skuhravy (Czechoslovakia)

● 4 — Michel (Spain), Roger Milla (Cameroun), Salvatore Schillaci (Italy), Lothar Matthaus (West Germany).

● 3 — Rudi Voeller (West Germany), Lothar Matthaus (West Germany), Juergen Klinsmann (West Germany), Gary Lineker (England).

● 2 — Marius Lacatus (Romania), Careca (Brazil), Davor Jozic (Yugoslavia), Michal Bilek (Czechoslovakia), Gavril Balint (Romania), Darko Pancev (Yugoslavia), Muller (Brazil), Bernardo Redin (Colombia), Dragan Stojkovic (Yugoslavia).

FINAL REF

JOSE Wright of Brazil is favourite to referee the World Cup final on July 8.

Brazilians have refereed the last two World Cup finals.

FIFA are expected to name the semi-final officials from French referees Michel Vautrot and Joel Quiniou and Denmark's Peter Mikkelsen on Monday.

A FIFA source said one of the two Frenchmen would probably referee Italy's potentially explosive semi-final with Argentina in Naples today (Wednesday EST).

Wright has already handled Italy v United States, USSR v Cameroun and Ireland v Romania.

However, Referees' Committee secretary Michel Zen Ruffinen said Carlos Silva Valente of Portugal, Kurt Rothlisberger of Switzerland, Helmut Kohl of Austria and Edgardo Codesal of Mexico had probably finished their tour of duty after refereeing the quarter-finals.

halftime after a fine header from midfielder David Platt, but was outplayed in the second half.

Emmanuel Kunde equalised with a 60th minute penalty after Paul Gascoigne fouled veteran Roger Milla.

Substitute Eugene Ekeke then scored in the 65th minute, collecting a pass from Milla before firing past goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

Milla, 38-year-old scorer of four goals in the tournament, had a hand in both goals and did his best to lift Cameroun, which went into the tournament as a 500-1 outsider with English bookmakers.

England lacked inspiration for much of the game, while Cameroun made the most of its opportunities and played controlled soccer until late in the contest.

England made it to the semi-finals for the first time ever on foreign soil.

The penalties converted by Lineker were only the third and fourth England has been awarded in the eight years Bobby Robson has been its coach.



Argentina's Diego Maradona and Claudio Caniggia — the destroyers of Brazil.

ARGENTINA v YUGOSLAVIA 0-0 3-2(pen)

Goalie Goycochea the hero

FLORENCE — Defending champion Argentina beat Yugoslavia in a dramatic penalty shoot-out after the teams drew 0-0 in full and extra-time of their quarter-final.

Argentina now faces Italy in the semi-finals today (Wednesday).

Both Argentina and Yugoslavia squandered scoring chances during the 120 minutes of play — and the penalty shootout was a similar comedy of errors.

Diego Maradona and Pedro Troglio both missed penalties for the world champions, while three Yugoslavs — Dragan Stojkovic, Dragoljub Brnovic and Faruk Hadzigebeic — also failed to score.

Argentine goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea made the crucial final

the 32nd minute four a foul on Maradona.

He earlier had been given a yellow card for refusing to move back in the wall at a free kick.

Argentina had the ball in the Yugoslav net in the final minute of extra-time, but Swiss referee Kurt Rothlisberger disallowed the goal, ruling that Jorge Burruchaga handled the ball.

Television replays of the incident were inconclusive.

The Argentines surrounded the referee in protest and Burruchaga pushed the referee in the chest, but escaped punishment.

Players from the two teams then confronted each other, but order was restored after minor pushing.

Despite the expulsion of Sabanadzovic, Yugoslavia had the better of play in regulation time.

Sweeper Davor Jozic, who already has scored two goals in the tournament, three times came close to breaking the deadlock.

First he crashed a volley over the crossbar in the 12th minute, then he flicked a header inches wide in the 27th minute.

He also forced a good save by Goycochea with the Argentine defence in disarray in the final minute of the half.

The Argentine goalkeeper was starting in place of Nery Pumpido, who broke his leg in Argentina's first-round 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union.

Robert Prosinecki of

Yugoslavia also came close with an angled shot that flew across the face of goal.

ARGENTINA: Goycochea, Serrizuela, Ruggeri, Simon, Basualdo, Giusti, Olarticochea (Troglio 51m), Burruchaga, Calderon (Dezotti 87m), Maradona, Caniggia.

YUGOSLAVIA: Ivkovic, Spasic, Vule, Hadzigebeic, Jozic, Brnovic, Susic (Savicevic 61m), Stojkovic, Sabanadzovic (sent off 31m), Prosinecki, Vujovic.

SCORERS: Penalty shoot-out — Serrizuela, Burruchaga, Dezotti for Argentina; Prosinecki, Savicevic for Yugoslavia.

YELLOW CARDS: Serrizuela 21m, Olarticochea 43m, Troglio 58m, Simon 111m for Argentina.

RED CARD: Sabanadzovic (2 yellow cards) 31m for Yugoslavia.

REFEREE: Kurt Rothlisberger (Switzerland). **CROWD:** 38,971.

STATS

ARGENTINA: Free kicks 21, Corners 5, Shots on target 7, Shots off target 4.

YUGOSLAVIA: Free kicks 21, Corners 7, Shots on target 3, Shots off target 8.

CROWDS, FOULS

AT the completion of the World Cup quarter-finals, 2,292,905 spectators had watched the 48 matches for an average crowd of 47,769 per game.

The record to beat is Mexico's total attendance of 2,441,731 in 1986.

So far, 159 yellow cards and 13 red cards have been dished out and 16 penalties awarded, of which 11 were converted.

— MARIO ETCHART

WEST GERMANY v CZECH 1-0

1/4 FINALS

Penalty wins it

MILAN — West Germany made it into the semi-finals of the World Cup for the third successive time with a narrow victory in a rugged quarter-final which did not live up to expectations.

Captain Lothar Matthaus ensured his team's passage with a firmly struck 24th-minute penalty against a Czechoslovak side reduced to 10 men for the last 20 minutes after Lubomir Moravcik was sent off.

Moravcik, who had earned his second booking of the tournament in the 12th minute, received his marching orders after colliding with Pierre Littbarski when he kicked his left boot away in disgust at the referee's failure to award a foul against the West German.

West Germany dominated the game between the two highest-scoring teams in the tournament and would have won by more but for three last-ditch saves

by defenders on the line after goalkeeper Jan Stejskal had been left helpless.

Matthaus set West Germany on the way to the semi-final, thumping in a penalty after Jurgen Klinsmann had been fouled on a raid deep on the left flank.

dismissed, striker Ivo Knoflicek was booked for dissent two minutes from the end.

Czechoslovak manager Jozef Venglos said: "We are very sad. We looked forward to this moment very much, the players made a great effort but now we are going home."



West Germany's best striker at Italia '90, Jurgen Klinsmann.

Klinsmann evaded two challenges near the corner flag but was upended in a sandwich between Jozef Chovanec and Frantisek Straka as he homed in on goal.

Austrian referee Helmut Kohl had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Matthaus hammered in his fourth goal of the tournament, goalkeeper Stejskal guessing wrongly and diving to his right as the ball hurtled past in the other direction.

West Germany exercised control in midfield and always looked more dangerous, with Uwe Bein, reinstated to the side after missing the second-round clash against the Netherlands, combining well with Littbarski.

Czechoslovak captain Ivan Hasek twice saved his side before the interval when, with keeper Stejskal beaten, he headed off the goal line first from a Guido Buchwald header in the 18th minute and then from a Klinsmann snap shot deep into injury time.

Michal Bilek stepped in barely a minute after the interval, clearing a Buchwald header after Stejskal found himself stranded yet again.

The West Germans, beaten finalists in 1982 and 1986, were always a handful for the Czechoslovak defence.

Three Czechoslovak players were booked before the interval, while Klinsmann was shown the yellow card in the 28th minute for hacking down Hasek.

After Moravcik was

"We are unhappy but sport is sport."

Also unhappy were most critics with the very inconsistent display of the referee, who spoilt the game as a spectacle and always favoured the Germans in 50-50 situations.

WEST GERMANY: Illgner, Brehme, Kohler, Augenthaler, Buchwald, Berthold, Matthaus, Bein (Moller 82m), Littbarski, Riedle, Klinsmann.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Stejskal, Kadlec, Koclan, Straka, Hasek, Bilek (Nemecek 58m), Chovanec, Kubik (Griga 50m), Moravcik, Skuhravy, Knoflicek.

SCORER: Matthaus 24m (pen).

YELLOW CARDS: Moravcik 12m, Bilek 14m, Straka 37m, Knoflicek 88m for Czechoslovakia; Klinsmann 27m for West Germany.

RED CARD: Moravcik 70m for Czechoslovakia.

REFEREE: Helmut Kohl (Austria). **CROWD:** 73,347.

STATS

WEST GERMANY: Free kicks 24, Corners 7, Shots on target 12, Shots off target 3.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Free kicks 14, Corners 3, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 4.



Thomas Berthold

Why can't the English?

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OSCAR RUGGERI

save on Hadzigebeic's low shot and became an instant national hero.

Coach Carlos Bilardo said he thought his team had lost when Maradona's penalty kick was saved.

"My heart stopped," the Argentine coach said. "I thought it was over. It looked like our luck had gone."

Yugoslavia played most of the match with 10 men after defensive midfielder Refik Sabanadzovic was sent off in

Italia '90 ... Italia '90 ...

Beckenbauer is all class

WEST German team manager Franz Beckenbauer has served warning that his team is out to smash their way to the final and win the 14th World Cup.

As a player, the elegant Beckenbauer competed in three World Cups — as a midfielder in 1966 and

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

1970 and as a libero in 1974.

Today as West German national manager he remains a perfectionist, and his objective is to be the first man who has both won a World Cup winners' medal and coached a team to the same exalted position.

I had the honour of meeting this great German back in 1979.

Beckenbauer toured

Australia in 1979 with the multi-million dollar side, the New York Cosmos.

I spent three days with the Cosmos team and found Beckenbauer a truly great person.

Whether on or off the pitch, everything he did was steeped in class.

'Der Kaiser' was extremely loved by all the Cosmos megastars, but above all, he was the most respected.

It is no wonder that he selected a classy, efficient West German squad.

These days his face and hairline have thinned.

Enormous tensions that coaching brings are taking their toll.

But he has the ambition of seeing his country lift the World Cup for its third time.

After that do not be surprised if the United States snap him up to prepare them for the 1994 World Cup in their country.

AUSSIE IDLE

AUSTRALIAN referee Richard Lorenc has missed out on any further action at the World Cup.

Lorenc was linesman three times during the first phase, including the vital Holland-Ireland group match, but failed to get a refereeing position.

The lack of a central role worked against him as the referees' committee was unable to get a glimpse of him in action.

Referees have come under severe criticism at this World Cup and FIFA is making sure that the whistlers for the final matches are the ones who performed best so far.

— STEVE DETTRE



Franz Beckenbauer in his New York Cosmos days — he may be heading back to the US.

Attacking midfielders have stolen the show

BY LOU GAUTIER

WHO were the best players of the World Cup going into the semi-finals?

Looking at the players in their respective positions gives us a chance to ponder over the revelations, the disappointments and the confirmations that have emerged so far at Italia '90.

GOALKEEPERS

The standard of goalkeeping has been a revelation and goalies have been amongst the stars of the competition.

Best keepers: Conejo (Costa Rica), Bonner (Ireland), Higuita (Colombia, despite his lapse against Cameroun), Nkono (Cameroun), Stejskal (Czech), Shobeir (Egypt) and Zenga (Italy).

Disappointments: Dasayev (USSR), Preud'homme (Belgium), Ilgner (West Germany), Ivkovic (Yugoslavia).

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Amongst the liberos, Italy's Franco Baresi, even if he has yet to hit peak form, has been the best illustration of an attacking defender, but besides Mark Wright of England, Popescu of Romania and Demol of Belgium, dominant liberos have been rare.

Amongst the stoppers, who operate mainly in twos, England's Des Walker, Yugoslav Jozic, Italians Ferri and Bergomi and Spain's Sanchis have caught the eye as anonymous perhaps, but very effective toilers.

LATERAL DEFENDERS

In this World Cup they have played more like defensive midfielders than fullbacks, moving up their flanks and operating like fully fledged wingers.

West Germans Brehme and Reuter are a case in point, setting up and even scoring goals.

Brazil's Branco, Englishman Pearce, Belgian De Wolf and Hasek, the Czechoslovak, have followed the same pattern.

Slight disappointment: Maldini, of Italy.

DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDERS

More than ever they have been the motor of their respective teams, forever linking up in attack and in defence.

The brightest exponents to date have been Italy's De Napoli, Giannini and Berti. West German Hassler, flamboyant Englishman Paul Gascoigne, Chovanec of Czechoslovakia, Mbouh Mbouh of Cameroun and Brazil's Alemao.

ATTACKING MIDFIELDERS

The World Cup has belonged to them.

Not only have they been creative playmakers, but they have scored plenty of goals, so many in fact that in many cases they have done the job of the accredited goalgetters.

Amongst the very best on view so far: Michel and Martin Vazquez of Spain, Scifo and Ceulemans (Belgium), Stojkovic (Yugoslavia) and Baggio of Italy for his stupendous goal against Czechoslovakia.

But the undoubted star in this department has been Lothar Mathaus of West Germany.

STRIKERS

The World Cup may have produced less goals than in past editions, but strikers have been well to the fore.

Strikers at Italia '90 have recaptured their aura for the spectacular and have scored consistently, especially when teams have fielded twin strikers, like West Germany with Klinsmann and Voller.

Kudos too to Italian revelation Schillaci, heading specialist Tomas Skuhravy of Czechoslovakia, Pancev of Yugoslavia, young



THOMAS HASSLER — West Germany's crack defensive midfielder.

Brolin of Sweden, Caniggia of Argentina and, of course, that great old veteran, Roger Milla, of Cameroun.

Disappointments: van Basten of Holland, Butragueno of Spain and even the Brazilian Care-

ca, despite his two goals against Sweden.

The semi-finals and the final will clarify the picture further.

From these matches the Player of the Tournament will certainly emerge.

BEST AND WORST OF ITALIA '90

BY LOU GAUTIER

- Best uniform — Romania.
- Worst kit — Austrian 'keeper Klaus Lindenberger.
- Best goal — Roberto Baggio, Italy v Czechoslovakia.
- Luckiest goal — Daniel Fonseca, Uruguay v South Korea.
- Worst penalty — Michal Bilek, Czechoslovakia v USA.
- Worst freekick — all of Brazil's.
- Best freekick — Dragan Stojkovic, Yugoslavia v Spain.
- Worst foul — Daniel Massing on Claudio Caniggia, Cameroun v Argentina.
- Worst refereeing decision — no penalty for Maradona's hand ball against Romania.
- Best actor — a collective prize to the Egyptian team.
- Trendiest player — Giuseppe Giannini (Italy).
- Least trendy player — Predrag Spasic (Yugoslavia).
- Best match (before 1/4 finals) — W.Germany v Holland.
- Worst match — England v Republic of Ireland.
- Best save — Fernando Alvez (Uruguay) v Italy.
- Most predictable result — West Germany v UAE.
- Least predictable result — Costa Rica v Scotland.
- Best name — Cyrille Makanaky (Cameroun).
- Silliest name — Danny Blind (Holland).
- Best media coverage — Melbourne 'Herald'.
- Worst (smallest) media coverage — Melbourne 'Age'.
- Best TV coverage (outside SBS) — Channel 7 with Oscar Crino.
- Worst TV coverage — The Ten Network.

WORLD CUP DRAW

ITALY	ITALY 2-0	
URUGUAY	IRELAND 5-4pen	ITALY 1-0
ROMANIA		
IRELAND		
BRAZIL	ARGENTINA 1-0	ARGENT 3-2pen
ARGENTINA	YUGOS 2-1aet	
YUGOSLAVIA		
SPAIN		
CAMEROUN	CAMEROUN 2-1	
COLOMBIA	ENGLAND 1-0aet	ENGLAND 3-2aet
ENGLAND		
BELGIUM		
CZECHOS	CZECHOS 4-1	W.GERMANY 1-0
COSTA RICA	W.GERMANY 2-1	
WEST GERMANY		
HOLLAND		